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Allied Advance In Face Of Stubborn Resistance

FIERCE FIGHTING ROUND SAINT SYLVAIN: BOIS-HALBOUT AND ESSON CAPTURED

From Reuter's Special Correspondent S.H.A.E.F. (Sunday morning).

Canadian troops, temporarily checked by the German anti-tank screen north of Falaise, have now smashed their way forward 1,000 yards in heavy fighting round Saint Sylvain. It was the climax of a day's hard fighting in the Falaise salient.

ADVANCE TOWARDS SOURDEVAL

There is some evidence of German tanks and other vehicles withdrawing south and south-east in the Mortain-Vire area. The Allies are east of Vire-Sourdeval road. The greatest Allied advance is towards Sourdeval which is held by the enemy. We hold points 312 and 262 east of Vire.

Contact has been made with a lost battalion which had been provisioned by air east of Mortain. Esson, two miles south-east of Thury has been liberated. The Allies are also two miles south-west of Thury Harcourt.

On the American sector patrols have pushed forward to Sourdeval along the Vire-Mortain road. In the Mortain area slight gains have been made in face of obstinate opposition

BOIS-HALBOUT CAPTURED

S.H.A.E.F., Aug. 13.—To-day's communique stated, "South of Caen contact has been made by Allied forces converging between the Rivers Orne and Laize

The thrust from Bretteville-Sur-Laize through Barbery has reached Moulines, while another advance from the Orne bridgehead captured Bois Halbout."

Fighting continued all day in the Saint Sylvain area where a number of counterattacks were beaten off and local advances were made. West of the Orne fighting continued around Hill 229 which remains in our hands. The Allied advance down the Conde road has made some progress beyond Saint Pierre la Vielle.

ADVANCE IN FACE OF RESISTANCE

East of Vire an advance of a mile was made in the face of heavy resistance. The forces advancing south eastward in the Vire area are experiencing decreasing enemy resistance. Progress has been made to a position east of Mainsoncelles la Jourdan, and along the Gathemo-Tinchebray road east of Vengeons.

Patrols have penetrated as far as Sourdeval in the sector between Vire and Mortain. Mortain has been reoccupied by our troops, but the enemy is still offering strong resistance in the vicinity of the town.

ST. MALO CITADEL ATTACKED

In Brittany our forces are attacking the citadel of Saint Malo, where remnants of the enemy garrison are still resisting. Heavy fighting continues in Dinard.

In the area of Brest a local enemy counter-attack was repulsed north of the city. The situation at Lorient remains unchanged.

In the Loire valley mopping up is proceeding in Angers which is now in our hands.

PARIS AREAS RAIDED

A large area north east and south of Paris was swept continuously yesterday by our long-range fighters which reported great destruction of enemy rolling stock, ammunition trains and lorries, barges, marshalling yards and bridges. There was some air opposition and six enemy fighters were shot down. U-boat shelters at Brest, La Pallice and Bordeaux, a petrol dump at Foret de Montrichard, railway yards at Metz and nine airfields were attacked by heavy bombers. At Oissel the only usable Seine bridge north of Paris was successfully attacked by our medium bombers which also operated against road junctions and other targets near Argentan.

Normandy-based aircraft operated throughout the day, giving immediate support to the ground forces.

Canadian and British troops halfway from Caen to Falaise battled on slowly yesterday, throwing back German cunter-attacks and advancing wherever possible. The day's strongest German counter-attack was at Fierville 10 miles south-east Caen.

The British in the Orne bridgehead around Grimbosq joined up with the Canadian advance south from Caen at Fresnay le Vieux, 11 miles north-west of Falaise.

ESSON CAPTURED

While the Germans still hold Esplins, a mile and a half west of Fresnay, and four miles east of Thury Harcourt, the Allies hold high ground east and west of the village. Esson, two miles south-east of Thury Harcourt, was captured yesterday, and the British also hold positions two miles south-west of Thury.

Attempt On Life Of Nazi C.-in-C. In Balkans?

ZURICH, Aug. 13.

Unconfirmed reports from usually reliable sources in Belgrade say that Gen. Maximilian von Weichs, the German Commander-in-Chief in the Balkans, has been wounded by a young Nazi Lieutenant who shot him with the intention of killing him. Gen. von Weichs was one of the Generals who sent a message of loyalty to Hitler a few days after the attempt on the Fuehrer's life.—Reuter.

JAPS PULLING OUT FROM NORTH BURMA?

From Alan Humphreys, A. P. I. Special Correspondent at Kandy (Sunday) Aug. 13.

Pointers are accumulating that the Japanese are pulling out from North Burma just as they pulled out of Manipur. In two days Chinese troops and Kachin levies covered a further 13 miles southward along the road from Myitkyina to Bhamo.

Bearing in mind the extreme difficulties caused by the monsoon, this is a very rapid rate of progress. Communiques hitherto had not mentioned opposition in this sector, and this, coupled with the speed of advance and the fact that the village of Kazu is "occupied" and not captured, suggests that the Allied forces have not yet bumped against the Japanese.

Nam Tabet River, mentioned in to-day's 'communique', is a tributary of the Irrawaddy running from east to west into the Irrawaddy about 20 miles south of Myitkyina. Kazu is on Nam Tabet about 13 miles east of the Irrawaddy.

OPERATIONS IN FLOODED COUNTRYSIDE

Around Taungni on the Mogaung-Mandalay railway—the other sector of the North Burma front—operations are going on in completely flooded countryside, many places being three to four feet deep in water.

On the Manipur sector, the Fourteenth Army patrols are reaching almost to the Burma frontier down the Tiddim Road while the men proceeding eastward from the Kabaw Valley to Chindwin are beginning to overtake Japanese stragglers who are prepared to fight. Progress here, however is more restricted by heavy rain and landslides than by the Japanese.

KAZU VILLAGE OCCUPIED

KANDY, Aug. 13.

T-day's S.E.A.C. Communique says:

NORTH BURMA: Units of Kachin levies and Chinese troops have occupied the village of Kazu and surrounding territory, on the main Myitkyina-Bhamo Road and the Nam Tabet River, approximately 20 miles south of Myitkyina. Special force troops cleared stragglers from the hills west of Taugni.

KABAW VALLEY: Troops moving east towards the Chindwin on the Tamu-Sittaung track are now meeting some Japanese resistance.

TIDDIM ROAD: Operations to clear enemy remnants from hills around Hengtam, just north of the Burma frontier, progress satisfactorily.

AIR: Owing to the continued heavy and widespread rains over Burma, air operations were again on a very reduced scale.

ENEMY FREIGHTER SUNK

Advanced Allied Headquarters in New Guinea, Aug 13:

Gen. MacArthur's 'communique', today states that bombers in a surprise attack on Halmahera sank a 1,000-ton freighter seriously damaged a 3,000-ton transport and sank 10 seaplanes at their moorings and at Galela aerodrome destroyed or severely damaged 31 parked aircraft.

Davao in the Philippines was also bombed. Off the Vogelkop area of New Guinea aircraft and naval patrols sank three 1,000-ton freighters and seriously damaged a fourth.

STAGE SET FOR ALLIED OFFENSIVE

Gen. Alexander Out To Smash Hitler's Formidable Barrier

From A. K. Quereshi, 'A. P. of India' special correspondent with Indian troops in Italy (Sunday).

There is no halting for Gen. Alexander's troops at the Arno. With 24 hours of unloading supplies at the ports of Leghorn and Ancona on both sides of the peninsula and close to the front, and bulk of the German forces driven to the foothills before the mountain-buttressed Gothic Line, the stage is now set for an offensive to smash Hitler's Formidable Barrier guarding the entry of the Allies into the Po Valley.

The Germans have alleged that the Allies have made numerous attempts to cross the river as a preliminary to a large-scale attack. However, Gen. Alexander's 'communique' to-day, reporting no-change in the military situation, does not mention these "river-crossings."

To-day's reports announce that the Arno Bend east of Florence is clear of Germans, while 15 miles to the west the prosperous city of Empoli, whose fate has hung in the balance for more than three weeks, was finally entered by Allied tanks and infantry. There was some street fighting during which 30 Germans were taken prisoner. German snipers are being hunted down.

In the south-eastern hills of the Pratomagno range, troops of an Indian Division occupied Monte Pianale overlooking the Arno Gorge and another feature without opposition.—A. P.

ATTACK ALL GERMAN ELEMENTS

Call On French Patriots By Fr. Provisional Govt.

LONDON, Aug. 13.

In the name of the French Provisional Government, French forces of the Interior were last night told to attack the Germans—"the Hour of Liberation has struck."

Eighteen Departments, which extend south of the present battle-front down to the Estuary of the Gironde, were urged by Algiers Radio (France) to attack immediately all German elements seen to be moving towards the front.

A broadcast by Gen. Koenig commanding the French forces of the Interior, made over the B.B.C., also called upon French patriots for the fullest action.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

SOURDEVAL CAPTURED

From Reuter's special correspondent with American troops in Normandy, Sunday:

Sourdeval, five and a half miles north of Mortain was taken by American tanks and infantry, squeezing in from the west after a two-mile advance in less than two hours today.—Reuter.

SOVIET ADVANCE

LONDON, Aug. 13.—A Soviet News Agency dispatch to-night, reporting further Soviet advance in the area north and north-west of Siedlce (east of Warsaw) said: "In one sector the enemy was sent reeling back several miles after fruitless counterattacks."

From Reuter special correspondent, Moscow, Sunday.—The Soviet threat to East Prussia has entered a new and dangerous phase. The Russians now hold a solid 100-mile front facing the southern defences of the German province.

Marshal Rokossovsky's thrust opens up the possibility of a Soviet move to outflank Warsaw to the North.

Mahatma To Meet Jinnah On Saturday

WARDHA, August 13.

The Gandhi-Jinnah meeting will take place at Bombay on August 19 and will, it is expected, continue for two or three days.

Mahatma Gandhi will leave Wardha on August 18 reaching Bombay on August 19.

A telegram was received by Gandhiji this morning from Mr. Jinnah saying that the latter will be able to meet Gandhiji any day after August 15. Accordingly Gandhiji has fixed the above programme.—United Press.

DR. DESHMUKH ON COMING GANDHI-JINNAH TALKS

BOMBAY, August 13: Dr. G. V. Deshmukh, M.L.A. (Central) has issued the following:

"The time has come for each Indian to speak frankly and Congressmen to speak the truth.

"On the 16th 'Punjabed' Jinnah and 'Badoglioed' Gandhi are going to meet. As soon as these gentlemen agree not to differ India is going to get independence. On the 17th one will have the pleasure of seeing British and their colleagues, the Americans, quitting India, the right of self-determination established and the Birth of two nations in India.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

"The truth is that neither Hindus nor Muslims have any power to give or take. Any number of meetings between Mahatmas and Qaid-e-Azams cannot create independence self-determination, or even Pakistan or any other 'Stan.' However much Gandhi may disown his followers who do not believe in fasting or prayers, and betray his colleagues the members of the Working Committee who are in jail by opening negotiations in their absence his power to appeal by self-humiliation seems played out. The party in power can oppose, thwart, or humiliate both Hindus and Muslims by asking them to come to terms with Princes and such other nonentities. All this pageantry of procession and devotion is sharp practice played on the emotional and confiding public of this country.

'MESS OF ONE-MAN-SHOW'

"Gandhi's opinion cannot be taken as the opinion of the country, not of the Hindu India, not even of the Congress. The memory of the experience of the mess of one-man-show at the time of the Round Table Conference is still painful. His Congress colleagues are in jail, national leaders are against, and he has disowned all his virtue followers in the country now. India is not Sevagram or Sabarmati Ashram. If his senile obsessions still persist with the strength of dementia, it is for the country to assess them at their proper value.

"Appeasement is no conciliation and Mongrel Government is not National Government."

PUNJAB HINDUS' PROTEST AGAINST VIVISECTION

Deputation To Wait On Mahatma

LAHORE, Aug. 13.

Following is the full text of the resolution on the C.R. formula which was considered by the Hindu Conference to-day:—

"This representative conference of the Hindus of the Punjab records its strong and emphatic protest against the vivisection of India as contemplated in the formula of Mr. Rajagopalachariar.

"This Conference is definitely of the opinion that since the enforcement of the Communal Award the political situation in the country has immensely deteriorated.

"This Conference, therefore convinced that the solution of the present political or communal deadlock in the country does not lie in yielding to the ever-increasing demands of Mr. Jinnah and the Muslim League but in boldly and strongly resisting them by all available constitutional means.

"The Conference further believes that the political salvation of India can only be achieved by freeing its future constitution from the virus of separation and communalism and basing it on truly democratic principles. It further declares that Mr. Rajagopalachariar's formula strikes at the root of the fundamental, geographical, cultural and historical oneness, and national integrity and administrative unity of India by proposing the dismemberment and vivisection of the country. He said formula by virtually accepting the two-nation theory of Mr. Jinnah on the basis of religion tends to destroy the noble achievements towards the evolution of one common Indian nation on the basis of racial identity, historical tradition and patriotic sentiments.

"The offer of Mr. Rajagopalachariar is wholly unauthorised, most importune and absolutely unjust, adversely affecting the cultural economic and political life of the Hindus. The Conference declares that nobody has the right to barter away the rights of the Punjab Hindus and that any such proposal shall stoutly be resisted."

The resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority, a few delegates dissenting.

Punjab Hindu Deputation To Wait On Mahatma

LAHORE, Aug. 13.—The Conference of the Punjab Hindus after four hour deliberations to-day passed a resolution emphatically protesting against C.R.'s formula.

By another resolution the Conference decided to send to-morrow a deputation of two members to Mahatma Gandhi in order to place before him the view-point of the Punjab Hindus in regard to the proposals of Mr. Rajagopalachariar and requested him not to commit himself finally without consulting the Hindus of the Punjab.—A.P.

Sir Chhoturam On C. R. Formula

LAHORE, Aug. 13.—"I believe in a Free United India with clearly defined central powers and completely autonomous units with residuary powers," says Sir Chhoturam, Revenue Minister, Punjab, in a telegram to the convenors of the All-Parties Hindu Conference regretting inability to attend as "communal platform is inconsistent with my convictions".

Sir Chhoturam adds: "I am strongly opposed to Pakistan and also to Rajaji's formula as both of these are extremely detrimental to nationalism and healthy national progress and beneficial to neither the minorities nor the majority."

UNSOUND IN PRINCIPLE

Sir Tekchand, ex-Judge of the Lahore High Court, regretting his inability to undertake a journey to Lahore owing to weak health in a telegram from Dalhousie says:

The proposals of Mr. Rajagopalachari are unsound in principle and against our cherished ideals. Instead of resolving the deadlock they are bound to lead to constant clash and conflict. The Punjab is an integral part of Mother India from times immemorial. It is as much the homeland of Hindus and Sikhs as of Muslims. Its severance and dismemberment will condemn all to worst slavery and bondage."—A.P.

Punjab And Muslim League

The message of the Muslim League, it is claimed, has been carried to over one million persons in the Punjab during the last two months. The Nawab of Mamdot, President of the Punjab Muslim League, in an interview to the Press on Tuesday said that 50 conferences had been held in 19 districts of the province.

In a joint statement to the Press, the Nawab of Mamdot, Mian Mumtaz Daulatana, Raja Ghazanfar Ali Khan and Sirdar Shaukat Hyat Khan "deplore the suppression by a section of the Punjab Press of Mr. Jinnah's interview to the Press in Lahore, on August 5 regarding his appeal for a communal truce in the interest of Hindu-Muslim settlement."

They say: "By this atttitude of non-co-operation they have attempted to hinder the cause of Indian freedom.

"We appeal to all men of sincerity and direct all Muslim League workers to carry to their Hindu and Sikh brethren the message of good will given by the Qaid-e-Azam."

—"Civil and Military Gazette."

U. P. COUNCIL BEHIND LEAGUE IDEAL

Press Reports Contradicted; Confidence In Nawab M. I. Khan Reiterated

LUCKNOW, Aug. 13.

Speeches wishing success to the forthcoming Gandhi-Jinnah meeting on communal settlement were made at this morning's meeting of the Council of the U. P. Muslim League which met in Mahmudabad House, under the Presidentship of Nawab Muhammad Ismail Khan.

CONFIDENCE IN NAWAB SAHEB

Mr. Z. H. Lari moved a resolution expressing full confidence of the Council in Nawab Muhammad Ismail Khan and welcoming his decision cancelling his leave. Mr. Lari's resolution which was supported by Mr. Azis Ahmed Khan, Maulvi Mehedi Hasan and Nawab Jamshed Ali Khan of Baghpat, was passed unanimously.

Thanking the House for expressing its confidence in him, Nawab Muhammad Ismail Khan condemned the propaganda of a section of the Press which, he said, had given prominence to the so-called formation of a party within the U. P. Council whose policy of programme was different from that of the All-India Muslim League. Nawab Sahib asserted that there were no parties in the House and as Mr. Rizwanullah had pointed out there had been some differences of opinion on the question of interpretation. He said he was above party politics and his one aim was to unite his community for the achievement of the goal of Pakistan.

BEHIND LEAGUE IDEAL

Chaudhri Khaliquzzaman then moved the following resolution: "The Council of the U. P. Muslim League declares that the internal differences in the last meeeting of the Council have nothing to do with the policy and programme of the Muslim League, and the views expressed in some of the papers to be contrary are wholly baseless.

The Muslims of the province in general and the members of the Council of the U. P. League in particularly, are solidly behind the League ideal and policy and have full and complete faith in the leadership of Mr. Jinnah. This meeting pays to the Almighty that the forthcoming meeting between Mr. Jinnah and Mahatma Gandhi may be successful and both the leaders may be able to bring about a lasting and permanent settlement."

Moving the resolution, Chaudhri Khaliquzaman criticised those newspapers which had painted the internal affairs of the U. P. Council in different colours and asserted that such tactics could not sidetrack the Muslims from the goal of Pakistan. Referring to the forthcoming meeting between Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah the speaker said that both Hindus and Muslims were anxious for an amicable and honourable settlement of the communal problem and expressed the hope that the efforts of the two great leaders would be crowned with success.

The resolution was supported b Mr. Rizwanullah and Mr. Lari and was passed unanimously.

The Council was adjourned to meet again at 2 p.m. this afternoon.

NEW PARLIAMENTARY BOARD

At the afternoon session, the U.P. Muslim League Council after a stormy debate lasting three hours appointed a new Parliamentary Board consisting of 15 members, with Nawab Muhammad Ismail Khan as its President, to run the forthcoming Municipal elections in the province.—A. P.

Best Wishes From Bangalore

BANGALORE, Aug. 12.—The Bangalore City Municipal Council at its meeting to-day passed a resolution conveying its best wishes to Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah "for the successful achievement of Hindu-Muslim unity and national independence of India."—A.P.

2 Red Armies Join Up: Solid 100-Mile Front Formed

FURIOUS FIGHTING IN CENTRE OF WARSAW: "EXTREMELY GRAVE SITUATION"

From Reuter's Special Correspondent Moscow (Sunday) August 13:

Marshal Rokossovsky's forces have crossed the river Bug, north of Siedlce, and have joined with the southern army of Gen. Zakharov's advance from Bialystok.

The German salient east of Warsaw has been elimina'ed and the two armies now form a solid 100-mile front against southern defences of East Prussia.

FATEFUL ISOLATION!

The Russian plan for the destruction of the Germans in the Baltic trap is moving rapidly to its next stage—isolation of the Estonian group from that in Latvia. Gen. Maslennikov is now within 45 miles of Valka, the key railway junction on the Riga-Tallinn (Reval) line—the main spring of German resistance.

Further south, Gen. Bagramyan continues to widen the corridor between the German forces in the trap and those based on Libau who are still in contact with East Prussia.

FURIOUS FIGHTING IN WARSAW CENTRE

LONDON, Aug. 13.

To-day's 'communique' from the Commander-in-Chief of the Polish "Home Army", Gen. Bor, received by the Polish Telegraph Agency, reports furious fighting all day yesterday in the centre of Warsaw.

"The situation was extremely grave and objectives of fighting changed hands several times, but after determined counter-attacks the enemy was finally repulsed. We suffered heavy casualties, and destruction in all quarters of the city is extensive. There are no signs of activity on the Russian-German front line."

"WITHDRAWAL TO SHORTER POSITIONS"

The German News Agency military correspondent, Col. Ernst von Hammer said to-day: "East and north of Warsaw German lines were systematically withdrawn to shorter positions.

BENGAL CONGRESS & C. R. FORMULA

CALCUTTA, Aug. 12.

Mr. Kiran Shankar Roy leader of the official Congress Party in the Bengal Legislative Assembly and six other Congressmen, who had been to Wardha to meet Mahatma Gandhi, returned to Calcutta this morning.

It is learnt that Mr Roy will place before his co-workers and friends the purport of his discussion with Mahatma Gandhi on the Rajagopalachari Formula for communal settlement and later issue a statement on the subject.—A. P.

More Bengal Support To C. R. Formula

CALCUTTA, August 12: Eighteen prominent Congressmen, including members of the Bengal Assembly have issued a statement praying for a happy solution and success of the proposed Gandhi-Jinnah meeting. They contradict press reports that Congressmen or a majority of them in Bengal are against the Hindu-Muslim unity move now on.—United Press.

LEAGUE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Will Devote Special Attention On Training Of Personnel For Development Of Pakistan Areas

LAHORE August 12.

"The main object of the Muslim League Planning Committee is to draw up a programme for the economic regeneration of the Muslim community" said Mr. Rafi Butt, a member of the Committee in a press interview.

Mr. Rafi Butt hoped that the programme would embrace agriculture, industry, commerce, banking and general business organisation and that special emphasis would be laid on the training of personnel as pre-requisite for the economic development of the Pakistan areas. He was gratified to find that Muslim scientists and economists and had readily placed their services at the disposal of Mr. Jinnah and the Muslim League which augured well for the future progress of the community.

The Committee is expected to meet after the month of "Ramzan".—A.P.

Italian Ports Work At Pre-War Capacity

ALGIERS, Aug. 13: The United Nations radio said to-day that the Italian ports of Ancona, Civita Vecchia, San Stefano and Piombino are again working at pre-war capacity.—Reuter.

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STERLING BALANCE WILL DWINDLE AWAY, SAYS SIR ZIAUDDIN AHMED

SURAT, Aug. 12.

An appeal to economists all over the country to give their considered opinion on the various economic problems confronting India at present and mould the actions taken by the Administration was made by Dr. Sir Ziauddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of the Aligarh University addressing the Rotary Club of Surat this evening.

Much is thought of the thousand-crore Serling Balance but Sir Ziauddin feared this amount would slowly dwindle away. For instance gold which was bought by the Bank of England at Rs. 40 was now being sold by the Reserve Bank at Rs. 75. This difference in price goes towards wiping off part of the Sterling Balance. In many other ways the sterling Balance would slowly disappear.

Economists should come out with their suggestions for stabilising the country's finances he said.—A. P.

D.F.C. For V.C. Airman

NEW DELHI, August 12: The award of a Distinguished Flying Cross to the first fighter pilot to win the V. C. in this war is included among the awards just approved by His Majesty the King to Air Force Officers serving in Air Command, South-East Asia, says a Press Note. The list also includes one D.S.O. and D.F. C.s for two Indian Air Force Officers, who have been serving on the Burma front.

D.S.O.:—A/S/Ldr. D. R. Gibbs.

D.F.C.:—W/Cdr. J. C. Nicolson, V.C., A/S/Ldr. G. Kerr, Capt. A. D. Maclean, F/Lt. G. A. Butler, A/F/Lt. P. A. H. Mckeand, A/F/Lt. A. M.C. Blackburn, F/O. W.S. S. Garnett, F/O. J. C. Varma (I.A.F.) F/O. D. GG Bhore (I.A.F.) F/O. J. T. Matthews, F/O. J. C. Van Nes, F/O. K. F. R. Dicks, F/O. R. W. Parr, F/O. E. W. Fockler, F/O. H. B. Date, F/O. J. G. Booth, W. O. J. A. Johnson and W. O. L C. Hill.

D.F. Medal:—F/Sgt. J. H. Gibson, F/Sgt. F. Lee and F/Sgt. F. Wills.

INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH IN NIZAM'S DOMINIONS

HYDERABAD (DN.) August 13.

H. E. the Nizam has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1,500,000 for the establishment of an Industrial Research Institute in Hyderabad. The Nizam's Government intend to send a large number of students both abroad and to British India for technical training:—A. P.

Dr. Dara M. Dastur Memorial Fund

The list of donations received through Mr. Nanabhoy F. Mama for the above fund is as under:

Rs. 6,424 already acknowledged.

Rs. 20, Dr. Phiroz C. Bharuca; Rs. 25, In loving memory of late Bai Bachubai Kaikhashroo Wadia from Kaikhashroo Hormasji Wadia; Rs. 10, in memory of the late Dr. Dara Dastur from Dr. S. P. Kapadia; Rs. 25 from a friend; Rs. 21, A. D. Mavji; Rs. 21, Ratanji Ardeshir Dubash; Rs. 25 Bai Goolbanu H. Bhedwar; Rs. 101, Minocher M. Ghobhai and Nawroji M. Ghobhai; Rs. 5, N. M. Sethna, Esqr.; Rs. 101, Bai Dhunbai Sorabji Ratnagar and Sons; Rs. 7 from my daughter Shera Nasserwanji Dastur in sacred memory of our loving and sympathetic uncle Dr. Dara; Rs. 25 in sacred memory of the late Good Doctor, Dr. Dara, from a Zarathushtrian Lady; Rs. 100 from Muncherji N. Cama; Rs. 11, A Zarathushtrian Lady; Rs. 50 from Bai Goolbai Dinshaw Vakil and daughters; Rs. 11, in honoured and good memory of the late Dr. Dara Dastur, from Shera Jehangir Chinoy; Rs. 100, P. P. Mistry; Rs. 25, B. H. Vakil, Esqr.; Rs. 15, a friend on the Baj Day; Rs. 11 from a Zarathushtrian Lady; Rs. 25, Dr. M. B. Davar; Rs. 25, S. A. Paymaster; Rs. 25, Darabshaw Kharas; Rs. 101 from an afflicted heart; Rs. 101, Homi D. Banaji; Rs. 31, A Sympathiser; Total Rs. 7,441

Food Conditions In Bihar

PATNA, Aug. 12: That Government's policy in regard the release of political prisoners had been liberal—230 politicals have been released in the province so far,—was pointed out at a Press Conference to-day, Mr. P. T. Mansfield, Home Adviser to the Governor, presiding.

The assurance that the supply of food-stuff in the province was satisfactory and there were sufficient stocks for the next four months until the next harvest, was given by Mr. R. E. Russel, Food Adviser to the Governor. Mr. Russell said that Government had stocked two months' supply of food-stuffs in all important towns in Bihar in addition to two months' stocks at a place in the province.

CHOLERA AND MALARIA

Referring to the cholera epidemic in North Bihar the Secretary to the local self-Government Minister, said that the situation had improved considerably now and in order to combat the malaria epidemic that had started recently Government had decided to devote all medical men from the cholera affected areas to the malaria affected areas.

Asked if the Government would release the Bihar Central Relief Trust Fund for relief purposes as urged in certain quarters, the Home Adviser said that Government had not received any specific request for the same by the Executives of the Trust. —A. P.

GOODWILL RESTORED IN JODHPUR

Sri Prakash Hopeful Of Progress In State

JAIPUR, Aug. 9.—Mr. Sriprakash, M.L.A. (Central) stayed here for a few days on his way back to Benares from Jodhpur where he had gone to inaugurate the Marwar Lok Parishad Conference. Here he saw, besides others, Sir Mirza M. Ismail, the Prime Minister of the State and Mr. Hiralal Shastri, the General Secretary of the Praja Mandal and also visited the Banasthali Vidyapith, the premier girls' institution fifty miles away from here.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES SETTLED

Interviewed before his departure he stated: "I went again to Jodhpur after two years on Mahatma Gandhi's instructions and am happy to report that all outstanding matters of dispute between the Lok Parishad and the State have been satisfactorily settled. All political prisoners have been released. This has been possible as much on account of the sympathetic attitude of Sir Donald Field, the Chief Minister, and other authorities of the State, as the realistic and proper viewpoint of Shri Jainarain Vyas and other Parishad workers. I congratulate all concerned on this happy consummation.

Differences of opinion there always will be and I do not deny that unhappily some still exist among the workers there, but I believe that all will be well before very long, as all are moved by feelings of goodwill and aim for the same goal.

NEW CONSTITUTION

"It is a matter of great satisfaction that the State has seriously taken in hand the framing of a constitution. I had long interview with Mr. Sudhakar, Chief Justice of Baroda, who is in charge of this good work and have every reason to hope that a workable constitution will be available before long. The situation in Indian States is certainly more complicated than in British India and many more conflicting interests have to be reconciled there than in British India. I came away with the feeling that Mr. Sudhakar had all these problems in his mind and was doing his best to reconcile them and help the State to progress on democratic lines as well.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

"The great thing that I would like to point out is that the domestic and social conditions in which people live are most unsatisfactory and unhygienic. To my mind it is up to the Lok Parishad workers to take upon themselves the odious and thankless task of carrying on vigorous propaganda of better living and give practicable hints as to how even the poor and middle class families can improve the conditions of their existence. Many bad customs have to be fought without compromise and habits of dirt should not be countenanced under the pretext of religion."

Dr. Chugha Urges Support For Homoeopathy

At a press conference held in the Homoeopathic General Hospital, Neelam Mansion, Bombay, an appeal to the Bombay editors and pressmen to advance the claims of Homoeopathy for recognition was made on behalf of Dr B. R. Chugha.

Mr. B. M Bhargava, M B E, J P. of the Podar Company also supported the appeal.

Dr. B. R. Chugha took the pressmen round the Hospital and showed them what Homoeopathy has done for so-called "incurable" patients. The pressmen were duly impressed with the efficacy of Homoeopathy seeing the cures effected in advanced cases of diseases like Cancer, Diabetes, T.B., Arthritis, Melancholia, Gallstone, etc.

Dr. Chugha appealed to the pressmen saying that they would be helping to serve the cause of suffering humanity if they could advance the claim of Homoeopathy for recognition, and also to help to appeal to the public support to maintain at least one Homoeopathic Hospital and a College in City.

Indore Prajamandal Bags More Seats

(From Our Correspondent.)

INDORE, Aug. 9.

Indore State Praja Mandal candidates, including one from a special Muslim constituency were elected to the Legislative Council bringing the Praja Mandal members' total to fourteen all of there were returned unopposed.

Rice Quota In Malabar

CALICUT, Aug. 12.

The public need have no misgivings about the rationing scheme for Malabar and the Government did not want to disturb the rural economy except where absolutely necessary in the interests of those people who could not secure food, said Mr. S. G. Grubb, Provincial Rationing Controller, in an interview.

He realised that the quota of rice fixed for an adult and half of it for a child was not very adequate, particularly for the labouring classes, but for the time being any increase in the quota was impossible and he would be glad to provide additional quota when more rice was secured.—A. P.

Harin At Progressive Group

Under the auspices of the Progressive Group Mr. Harindranath Chattopadhayaya gave a lucid recital of his own songs and poems at the Greens on Thursday evening. Mr. Tanubhai Desai presided. The song on "Bengal Famine" presented in a bare form the tragic sight of human skeletons and corpses which littered the streets and pavements of Calcutta during the days of the famine, and was highly appreciated by those present. Another noteworthy song was on the Workers' Society. All these songs and poems, according to Mr. Harindranath represented the spirit of the age.

BREACHES OF CONTROL ORDER IN POONA

The following cases were decided in the Additional City Magistrate Court, Poona. (1) Dattoba Bhanaji Pawar living in 356 Shanwar Peth has been sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 30 for getting a ration card for more units than the actual number of persons in his family (2) Saraswatibai Pawar, living in 251 Narayan Peth, was sentenced to one day's R. I. and a fine of Rs. 100 for having an unlicenced stock of kerosene oil.

MAYORS IN CONFERENCE

CALCUTTA Aug. 12.—Seven Mayors of Cities in India and Ceylon are expected to participate in the fourth session of the All-India and Ceylon Mayor's Conference which will meet in Calcutta on November 25, 26 and 27. These will be the Mayors of Calcutta, Karachi, Madras Bombay, Kandi, Galle and Colombo —A.P.

PROTEST AGAINST NEW ZEALAND CENSORSHIP

WELLINGTON, August 12: Speaking in the House of Representatives Mr. F. W. Doigde (National) attacked the censorship system. For five years, he said, the New Zealand Press had been in 'stait jacket', and it was high time that the tyranny was removed. There had never been a New Zealand Government that so hated and feared criticism as the present one. There was not an editor's table in New Zealand that was not piled with an 'array of 'shall nots' and 'must nots'".

Mr. Peter Fraser, the Prime Minister, replying to the debate asked if the Press were really free in any country. Every day the New Zealand Press attacked the Labour Party and Government, magnifying little matters in order to stir up strife. Even in wartime the Press was controlled by the enemies of labour Government, however he added, would not defend acts of the censor if they were unwarrantable. Almost daily requests were received from the British Government not to publish certain matters. He denied that there was any political censorship, but said that censorship would be used if the war effort were being impeded by industrial troubles. He did not think there was lighter censorship than New Zealands.—Reuter.

Diwan Chand Says Mahatma Won't Let Down Hindus

LAHORE, Aug. 9.—An appeal to the people "to pray for the success of an equitable and honourable settlement between Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah" was made by Prof. Diwan Chand Sharma, former General Secretary of the Punjab Hindu Mahasabha, in an interview.

"As regard the terms, Hindus should not feel nervous over them. They should remember that Mahatma Gandhi will not let down the Hindus.

"If the Hindus of the Punjab or other minorities have a case to put forward they should approach Mahatma Gandhi".

Sikh Leader Opposes Gandhiji's Offer To Jinnah

D. I. KHAN, Aug. 9.

"Mahatma Gandhi is kneeling down before Mr. Jinnah", was how Giani Shersingh, the Sikh leader from Lahore, expressed his opinion on recent political developments to "O.P." representative. Mr. Sher Singh has come together with Sardar Ajit Singh, Minister for Public Works Department, N.W.F.P., and his Parliamentary Secretary Khan Nasrulla Khan on a short visit.

A Sikh deputation waited on the Hon. Minister and expressed their apprehensions about recent political developments. Sardar Ajit Singh also addressed a large gathering in the Gurdwara last night.

He said that since the formation of the present Ministry in N.W.F.P., this was the first chance which came his way to address his brothers and the public of D. I. Khan. "I am blamed, "he said, "for joining the "Pakistan Ministry", but I have taken this burden upon my shoulders with the consent and order of the Panth. I am doing my duties consciously. I challenge the ex-Congress Ministry, which I call the Red Shirt Ministry, to prove their false allegations against me. Both Hindus and Muslims were displeased with the Congress Ministry. Much cry was raised against the Bengal, Sind and Assam Ministries in the All-India Hindu Mahasabha meeting at Amritsar, but none could dare utter a sentence against the Frontier Ministry. I assure every body that our Ministry will safeguard the rights of every community. I will try to see the Sikh demands being fulfilled."

SIKH DEMAND.

Gian Sher Singh, next speaking, said that Sikhs formed 60 lakhs of the population of this country, they had ruled the Punjab, and now Mahatma Gandhi, admitting his defeat, was kneeling before Mr. Jinnah. They would meet in Bombay, where the fate of India was to be decided. "We therefore demand", he said, "that our rights must be safeguarded. The Sikh would not accept any formula on which the representative body of the Sikh Shiromani Akali Dal has not put its seal upon."

In conclusion he appealed to the Sikhs to unite for without unity among themselves they could not assert their voice.—Orient Press.

GUNTUR REDS SUPPORT GANDHI-JINNAH MEETING

GUNTUR, Aug. 10.—At a largely attended public meeting on August 8 under the auspices of the Communist Party resolutions were passed unanimously welcoming the Gandhi-Jinnah meeting and pledging wholehearted support to a communal settlement, demanding immediate release of national leaders, condemning the ban issued by the District Magistrate, Guntur, on the proposed meeting of Andhra Congress leaders and demanding the withdrawal of the ban on political processions in this district.—A. P.

LEAGUE-CONGRESS MEETING AT ELLORE

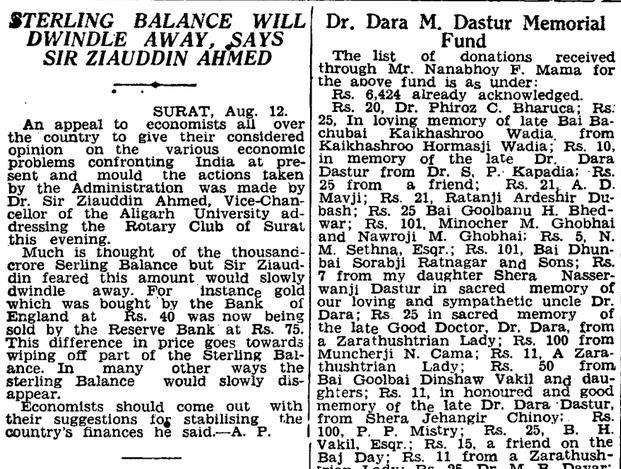
ELLORE, Aug. 10.—Under the joint auspices of the local Muslim League and Congress Committee a meeting was held here last evening to offer joint prayers for the success of the Gandhi-Jinnah negotiations. Prayers on behalf of Muslims, Christians and Hindus were offered at the meeting. Most of the shops in the bazar and the town remained closed during the afternoon.—A. P.

"JINNAH HAS PLACED CARDS ON TABLE"

LUCKNOW, Aug. 12.—"Mr. Jinnah has placed his cards on the table. If Mr. Gandhi is really serious in his overtures it lies with him to accept the Pakistan demand as it is, and thus show the magnanimity that is expected of a nationalist leader of his calibre", says the daily "Haque," the organ of the Muslim League in the U.P. in an editorial on the forthcoming Gandhi-Jinnah meeting on a communal settlement.—A.P.

'DRY' AREA IN C. P. TO BECOME 'WET'!

NAGPUR, Aug. 12: The Katni-Murwara area where the Congress government had introduced prohibition now becomes a wet area as a result of an amendment of the C. P. and Berar Prohibition Act. This was one of the three areas where prohibition was introduced in the C.P. It is stated in the amending bill, to which the governor has given his assent. The retention of prohibition in an isolated dry area which is only a few miles from an Indian state where cheap and strong liquor is readily available when the bulk of the industrial population is habitually employed in the surrounding wet areas secures none of the benefits intended from its introduction and merely encourages wholesale disregard of the law.—A. P.



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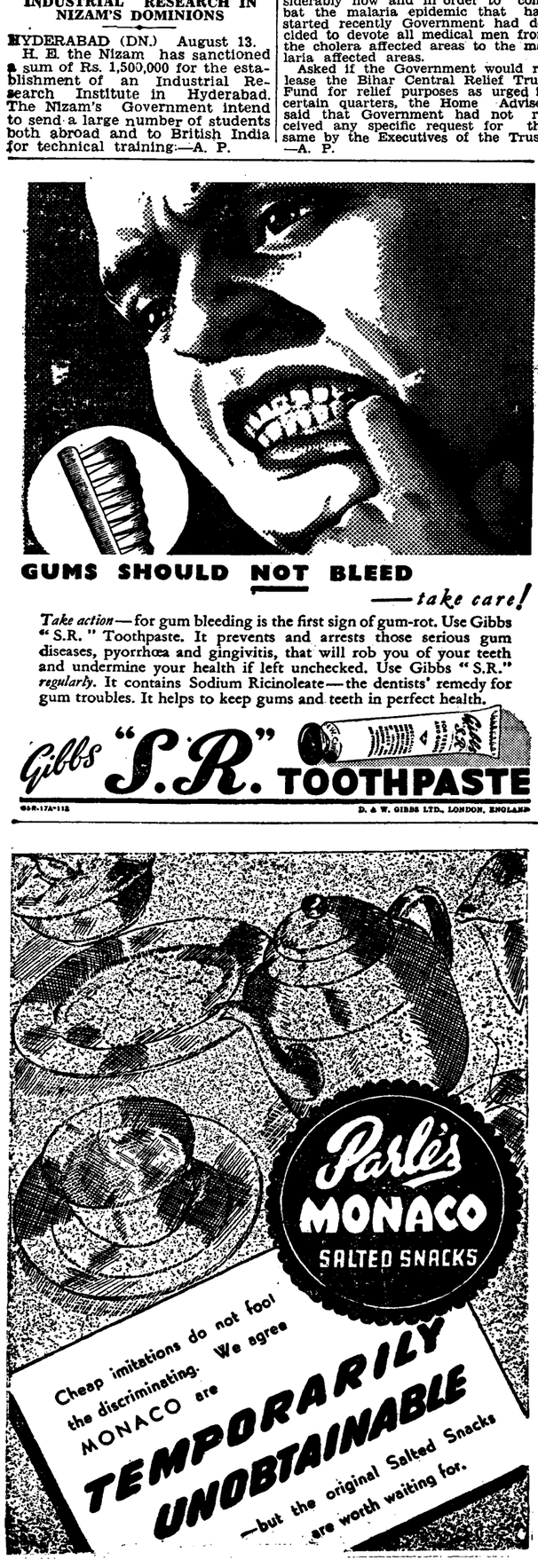
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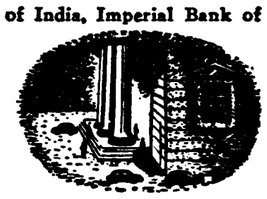

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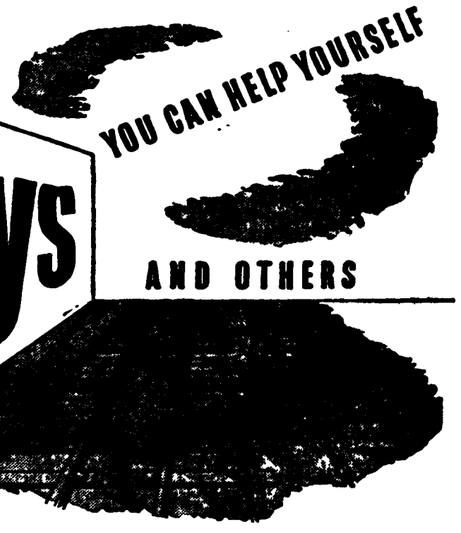

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Hightide: 10-30, 21-57
Lowtide: 3-21, 16-42

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH: DALAL—Rao Bahadur Bhagwandas Harkisondas Dalal, Retired Deputy Conservator of Forests (Bombay Province), Father of Ramanlal B. Dalal Solicitor, and Shantilal B. Dalal, Engineer Port Trust, Bombay, and Grandfather of L. R. Dalal, I.C.S., Assistant Collector, Nasik, expired at Surat on the 12th August at the age of 81.

To-day's Engagements

TEXTILE PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION. (India): General Body Meeting today (Monday) at 3 p m (S T) at Industrial Assurance Building, Opp. Churchgate Station.

CITY'S MILK SUPPLY PROBLEM: Public meetin tgoday (Monday) at Blavatsky Lodge, Chowpatty, at 5-30 p m to consider the city's milk supply problem.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: A meeting in the Corporation Hall, today (Monday) at 1-30 p m (S T).

BHAJAN EVENING: Spiritual, Religious and Devotional songs by Mrs. Shirin H. Doctor and Mrs. Piroja Dastur at Mazdaznan Temple Hall, today (Monday) at 6-15 p m.

HINDU DEEN DAYA SANGH: The Hindu Deen Daya Sangh secured donations for their Hindu Foundling Home, Matunga, amounting to Rs. 960/14 during July 1944, including the one of Rs. 200 from Vasanji Gangadhar Charities.

MAHADEV DESAI ANNIVERSARY: Tomorrow (Tuesday) being the 2nd Anniversary of the death of Sjt. Mahadevbhai Desai, a programme of mass spinning has been arranged on that day at 9 a m (N S T) at the Model Industrial School, Vithalbhai Patel Road (Near Jinnah Hall). The programme will last for one hour. All Workers of the "D" Ward are requested to be present with their spinning wheels and cotton slivers.

GOMANTAK HINDU MANDAL: Those Goan Hindu students who have scored the highest number of marks in Sanskrit and in French at the last Bombay Matriculation Examination (1944) will be awarded Nyayashastri Bhavanishankar Sukhthankar Sanskrit Prize (Rs. 10) and Vasudeo Purshottam Mayenkar French Prize (Rs. 10) respectively. Students eligible for the above prizes should apply, stating their University seat number and the number of marks obtained in the subject, to the Hon. Secretary, Gomantak Hindu Mandal; C/o Mr. U. K. Sankholkar; 20K, Hansrajwadi, Kennedy Bridge, Bombay, 4, on or before August 31, 1944.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

● BOMBAY 1.
244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
8-0 a m Desi Todi on Vichitra Been. 8-5 News (H) 8-15 News (E) 8-30 B R Deodhar. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 Tomorrow. 9-15 Haridas Paleja. 9-30 Marathi Songs. 9-45 Sitar Recital. 12-30 p m Light Selection. 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 For Women. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Lunch-Hour Music.
5-0 p m Thumri Aur Dadra. 5-15 Haridas Paleja. 5-30 Marathi Songs. 5-45 Celio Recital. 5-55 Local Announcements. 6-0 Monday at six. 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 News Commenatry (M). 6-50 Bhajan. 7-0 Rumania. Talk in Gujarati by B M Kapadia. 7-15 Bhajan. 7-30 Gat Tora on Tabla. 7-45 Music from film. 8-0 Vinodini Desai. 8-15 In News. 8-20 Music. 8-25 News (M). 8-35 News (G) 8-45 Radio Reconnaissance. 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B B C News. 9-45 Sports Review. Talk in English by S S Gore. 10-0 A I R Orchestra. 10-15 Vinodini Desai. 10-30 B R Deodhar.

BOMBAY 2
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
8-0 to 8-5 a m As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Variety. 8-15 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1 8-50 B R Deodhar. 9-10 to 10-0 As in Bombay 1.
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
12-30 to 2-30 p m As in Bombay 1. 5-0 to 6-0 p m As in Bombay 1. 6-0 Vinodini Desai. 6-20 Violin Duet. 6-30 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 to 7-30 Interval.
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
7-30 p m Commercial News. 7-45 Calling Rural Listeners. 8-15 to 8-25 As in Bombay 1. 8-15 Haridas Paleja. 8-35 Zahoor Ahmed. 8-45 to 9-0 As in Bombay 1. 9-0 B R Deodhar. 9-35 Dhun Kafi. 9-45 to 10-0 As in Bombay 1. 10-0 Four Club Men. 10-15 Down Beat. 10-45 Joe Loss and his Band.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH: An unknown Muslim aged about 25 years was found dead at Carnac Road, outside G T Hospital on Saturday. No visible marks of injury were found on his body.

LONDON, August 12: A large draft of voluntary air detachment nursing members has left Britain for service under the Government of India.—Reuter.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Aug. 12.
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LONDON EXCHANGES
London, Aug. 12.
London exchanges unchanged, rest closed.

HOW THEY DO IT IN ENGLAND

Comprehensive Revision Of Taxation And Industrial Policy Urged

In a communication addressed to the Government of India regarding Taxation and Industrial Policy, the Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry have dealt with the various allowances and modifications which have been introduced in the United Kingdom by the Chancellor of Exchequer from the current financial year, and have suggested to Government that a comprehensive revision in their taxation policy should be made with a view to giving necessary relief to Indian industry.

RELIEF TO SMALL BUSINESSES

Referring to the increase in minimum standards by £1,000 in the U. K., the Committee point out that it would benefit no less than 30,000 small businesses, 10,000 of which will pass out of charge of Excess Profits Tax. If such a relief is considered essential in the United Kingdom where small businesses is less numerous than in India, it is far more important in this country, where small industries have been struggling for want of adequate relief. The Committee are of opinion that such a relief is overdue because small business has suffered on account of hardships initially imposed under the defective minimum standard under the E. P. T. Act.

A NEW PRINCIPLE

By the grant of a special initial allowance of 20 p. c. on new plant and machinery and 10 p. c. of the actual expenditure on factory building, His Majesty's Government have accepted a new principle, namely, that a part of capital expenditure is allowed to be deducted from profits. It is suggested that Government would bear this new principle in mind and implement the same in their taxation policy. During the last 5 years, under the stress of war, Indian industry had to wear off its machinery to a very large extent and, therefore, it is in more urgent need of relief on a bigger scale than industrial plant and machinery in any other country.

The Committee also point out to the necessity for relief on an extensive scale to extractive industries particularly the coal mining, in which the situation is so grave in the country at present, on the lines of depreciation allowance allowed in similar industries in U. K. in respect of new expenditure in sinking shafts and providing for surface facilities.

Finally, the Committee refer to the liberal allowances proposed to be made in respect of Research Expenditure under the United Kingdom Tax Law under which capital expenditure on laboratory building, plant and machinery would be allowed for a period of 5 years, and in addition, all current research expenditure would be allowed as and when incurred by the trader or the industrialists. The Committee urge upon Government that they should provide for full allowance in respect of capital employed by Industry for research purposes, in order to help rehabilitation and development of industries.

Provincial Headmasters' Federation

The first meeting of the new Council of the Bombay Provincial Federation of Headmasters' Asssociation was held at the New Era School, Bombay, on Sunday, when representatives of the Bombay, Ahmedabad, Poona, Surat and Dharwar Associations were present.

The following Executive Committee was elected for 1944-45: CHAIRMAN: Mr M T Vyas. VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr J R Desai; SECRETARY: Mr C A Christie; TREASURER: Mr G V Gadgil and MEMBERS: Mr A Soares. Mr R K Marzban, Mr M V Donde; Mr R S Bangera and Dr G S Khair.

The Council decided to hold a Conference of heads of schools in Bombay during the ensuing Christmas holidays, and also decided to send a deputation to wait on the Adviser to the Governor (Education) to place before him questions regarding the increase of grants for Maintenance and Dearness allowance and representation on the various Government educational Boards.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

A contributor writes in "New Statesman and Nation" on the picture now being shown in town:

Sir,—When a novel is concerned with great political events, the film version should surely reveal some political consciousness. In the film 'For Whom the Bell Tolls,' however, there was no suggestion at all that the fight was one against Fascism. One gathered from the hero's speech that it was just a nationalist sort of fight, in which the enemies were Germans and Italians who were trying out new weapons. It would have been a more consistent film if it had been depicted as a fight against the fuzzy-wuzzies. Your film critic remarked, "the atrocity no less than the heroism, characteristic of the Spanish Civil War, is boldly realised on the screen." Apparently it never occurred to him to protest that the atrocities so horribly displayed in this film were confined to those committed by the Republicans. If the film producers were told by the American State Department, as they must have been, not to displease Franco, it is amazing that a critic of the "New Statesman and Nation" should make no comment upon it."

OLGA EDWARDES.

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Here is a paragraph from "World Review" which makes interesting reading in these days of paper control:

A Capetown magistrate has seriously upset the calculations of the Paper Committee by ruling that toilet paper is, really, not 'paper' under the control regulations. The case concerned an importer who recently received 8,500 cases of toilet rolls without having applied for a permit from the Paper Controller.

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Referred to in the Half Column some weeks ago was Col. Hobby, the No. 1 WAC of the U.S. It is hoped the WAC(I) head—the Countess of Something-Or-Other — will endorse Hobby's ruling:

Kissings in limelight on her Algiers visit, Colonel Oveta Hobby, Head WAC, driving past a school housing WACS, saw a couple embracing behind a tree outside the grounds. Soon afterwards the Company Commander held a meeting, at which she instructed the girls: 'If you want to kiss your boy friends good-night it's O.K. But bring them inside.'

Children's Quota For Kasturba Fund

A sum of Rs. 2,500 were netted in for the Kasturba Memorial Fund at a children's concert organised at the Balkan-ji-Bari at the St. Xavier's School Hall, Bombay, on Sunday evening.

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, who presided, expressed great admiration for the efforts of the young ones to contribute their humble mite towards a noble cause.

Songs, Indian folk dances, small acts of drama, etc., were the items provided in the programme. The show was witnessed by a packed house.

Khoja Wedding

A society function came off at Noor Baug, Mazagaon on Sunday evening when Hyderali, the son of Mr. Dawood Haji Nasser, a well-known business magnate of the city and the President of the Overseas Merchants' Chamber of Commerce was married to Miss Mariam, the daughter of the late Mr. Dawood Sachedina of Chanda.

More than 3,000 guests attended.

The actual marriage was solemnized a day before by Sheikh Mohmed Huseln, Peish-Imam of the Khoja Community in Bombay according to the Khoja-Shia Ishnasheri rites. Felicitations were offered and bouquets and garlands showered on the happy couple from all round by relatives and friends.

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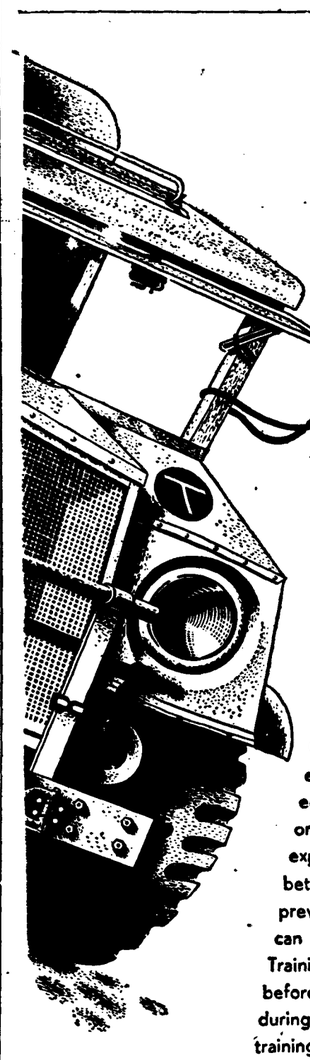

TRUCKS FOR THE TROOPS

thanks to the ordnance clerk

The army of to-day still fights on its feet but they move up to the battle areas in fast, troop-carrying trucks and lorries. Every battle would be lost and every engagement a failure if it were not for the efficient working of these vehicles. It is through the systematic hard work of the Ordnance Clerk that the armies get their trucks, tyres and the spare parts for them. This is vital work calling for all the energy and efficiency of an efficient and hard-working corps. Vacancies exist now for clerks and storekeepers in the Indian Army Ordnance Corps. You should have studied up to matriculation or equivalent standard. If you have passed matriculation or an equivalent examination and are between 17½ and 45 years of age, or although a non-matriculate, have sufficient previous clerical experience, you can join direct as a Havildar If you are a matriculate between 16½ and 17½ years of age or a non-matriculate without previous clerical experience and between 17½ and 30 years, you can join as a clerk trainee under the Labour Department Technical Training Scheme (A clerk trainee has to undergo 3—4 months' training before appointment as Havildar, Grade III. He is paid Rs. 44/4/- p m. during this period plus free rations, clothing and accommodation) The training and experience gained in this corps will prove very useful to men when they take their places in civil industry or business after the war is over.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Aug. 13.

Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours I.M.T. on 10 Aug. 1944:—

Allahabad 93 81 0.1. BOMBAY 84 75 0.3, Calcutta 90 81 1.2, Cawnpore 95 80 0.1, Cuttack 91 86 T, Darjeeling 69 58 1.3, Delhi 97 83 0, Dehra Dun 88 76 0.2, Jacobabad 104 87 0, Karachi 88 79 0.1, Lahore 101 83 0, Lucknow 95 79 1.5, Madras 92 76 0, Nagpur 90 77 0.9, Patna 93 77 0, Peshawar 98 83 0, Shillong 71 65 1.4, Simla 69 62 T. —A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A Government must be judged not by the pretensions of its spokesmen but by its actual and effective contribution to the well-being of the people. It is not so much because the British are foreigners that they are unwelcome to us and have found no place in our hearts as because, while pretending to be trustees of our welfare, they have betrayed the great trust and have sacrificed the happiness of millions in India to bloat the pockets of a few capitalists at home.

—Rabindranath Tagore.

The Bombay Chronicle

INDIA & AMERICA

The latest issue of the "People's War" publishes what purports to be extracts from the report made by Mr. William Phillips, President Roosevelt's personal representative to India. The extracts reveal a deep concern at the political situation in the country, which is natural in view of America's anxiety to win India's whole-hearted support in the war against Japan. Mr. Phillips points out how "the Indians feel that they have no voice in the Government and no responsibility" and how "they are convinced that the professed war aims of the United Nations do not apply to them." This latter feeling he attributes to Mr. Churchill's statement that the Atlantic Charter is not applicable to India. But it is significant that President Roosevelt has not said a word against Mr. Churchill's interpretation of the Charter. After expressing concern at the "lassitude, indifference and bitterness" in India, aggravated by famine, Mr. Phillips says: "There seems only one remedy to this situation, wherein we unfortunately are seriously involved—to change the attitude of the people towards the war; make them feel that we want them to assume responsibilities and are prepared to give them facilities." "A generous British gesture", he adds, "would change this atmosphere. India might positively support us against the Japanese. The Chinese who regard the Anglo-American bloc with mistrust might be assured that they are fighting for a better world."

It will be seen even from these meagre extracts that Mr. Phillips has fairly accurately indicated the political feeling in India; perhaps he underestimated the resentment in the country. It will also be seen that his suggestion as to what the U.S.A. should do in the matter was extremely modest. It was that the U.S.A. Government should make Indians feel that "we wanted them to assume responsibilities and are prepared to give them facilities." But it does not appear that the Government has done anything like that. On the contrary reports are current that the Governments of America and Britain are planning a division of economic concessions in India between them. Perhaps President Roosevelt feels that it is impolitic for him to intervene in any way in what is regarded by Britain as her domestic affair. But against such a view Mr. Phillips wisely warns: "If you accept a British point of view that conditions in India are not our business, we must be prepared for serious internal consequences of despair, misery and anti-White sentiments of hundreds of millions of subject peoples who cynically regard the war as between fascism and imperialism." The American Government has not heeded this warning and the result is that what Mr. Phillips calls China's "mistrust of the Anglo-American bloc" is far more common here than in China.

Whatever may be the real attitude of the U. S. A. Government the people of the country, at any rate no mean sections thereof, have whole-heartedly supported the Indian demand for self-government during the war. We referred the other day to the appeal issued by over a hundred prominent Americans urging Britain to consider sympathetically Gandhiji's proposals for a settlement and the general demand for the immediate release of Congress leaders. About the same time Mr. G. E. Shipler, Chairman, American Round Table on India, strongly supported Gandhiji's offer and appealed to President Roosevelt to "offer the good offices of the United States towards an amicable settlement", assuring him that such action "would certainly command overwhelming popular support." The magazine 'Commonsense", is more outspoken in its comments, and says: "What is happening in India is degrading. It is degrading to the people of India who lack the elementary human rights which Americans take for granted as the air they breathe. It is degrading to the intelligent Englishmen, who feel called upon to assert that the Indian issue is not obvious but obscure....it is degrading to Americans, who are told that because Britain is our ally the problem of India is none of their business and who are called on to stifle their sympathies and stultify their intelligences at the behest of Churchill and Amery." It will be wiser for America as well as Britain to ensure, through justice to India, permanent friendship of this country and peace in the East.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Wallace's Tribute

In a message to Generalissimo Chiang-kai-shek, U. S. Vice-President, Henry Wallace, praises the heroic Chinese defence of Hengyang, in which he says the defence has caused a "severe setback in the plans of the Japanese armies" and possibly led to "a more secure defence of other threatened areas in south-west China." Mr. Wallace also adds that he was "deeply moved by the prolonged and heroic defence of Hengyang." A Chungking Military spokesman also thinks that Hengyang has been, for the Japs, an exorbitantly costly victory in which they have sustained 50,000 casualties in killed and wounded. And he corroborates Mr Wallace's view by suggesting that with such casualties the Japs "cannot continue their offensive immediately." But it should be noted—and that is the most important point—that China's heroic sacrifices can serve only temporarily to upset Jap offensive plans, that they have merely delayed further Jap assaults.

New Stage

The war against Nazi Germany is rapidly entering into a new stage. This week Hitler is going to face the threat on both the Eastern and Western Fronts not of local defeats however important or of retreat however long and rapid. He is threatened with the complete encirclement of two whole armies and their liquidation in the manner of his own triumphs in the early years of the war. The Russians are after his 30 divisions which he deliberately left in the Baltic States. The process that has begun is luridly described by Reuter's Moscow correspondent as "a systematic dismemberment of the war's greatest mantrap." Hitler kept the thirty divisions to protect East Prussia from the north and north-east. They seem to be doomed to destruction without fulfilling his expectations in any measure. Their liquidation would be one of the greatest blows yet suffered by him. For, thereafter East Prussia will be hopelessly lost.

Critical Week For Hitler

A similar disaster threatens him in north-western France, too, which is not much less important in its consequences. In an effort and undoubtedly a gallant and determined effort to check the British drive south of Caen and American pressure eastwards from Mortain, at least twenty of his best divisions are in imminent danger of being caught in a trap. The American columns racing eastwards from Britany have swung north from Le Mans and are reported by the Germans themselves to have advanced "several miles" beyond Alencon. This means that less than 35 miles separate the British driving down to Falaise and the Americans driving up from Alencon in the rear of Rommel's forces. Should this gap be closed, the entire Normandy army of the Germans would be encircled. And its destruction will have literally far-reaching strategical results. This week is going to be very terrible for Herr Adolf Hitler.

Wanted Immediate Action

A telegram, signed by a number of prominent citizens of Allahabad representing various organisations and associations, is reported to have been sent to the Governor and the Chief Secretary, United Provinces, urging immediate release of Hon. Babu Purushottam Das Tandon, Speaker of the U.P. Assembly, whose condition is said to be causing grave anxiety, or else his transfer to Lucknow Medical College for necessary medical help. The request is not one for any political concession. It is a question of elementary humanity. And it will not be good for the Government to show that it is untouched by any such consideration. Nor does the matter brook any delay.

LIBERALS AND GANDHIJI

A Futile Campaign

(By P. R. LELE)

Mr. Jinnah has returned to Bombay and Mahatma Gandhi will be coming to meet him on 16th August, according to newspurveyors. The possibility of their meeting has disturbed and made articulate voices of persons like Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar. The most distressed person appears to be a Privy Councillor of the British Empire and a nominated member of the Madras Legislative Council, Mr. V. S. S. Sastri, who was once described as the 'Schoolmaster Abroad' by Mahatma Gandhi. Mr. Sastri has been dubbing the Congress as a totalitariah body and the Liberal politicians have indulged in this abuse of the Congress since 1936. But the moment Mahatma Gandhi announces his intention to talk to Mr. Jinnah about a demand of a large section of the Muslim community of India, Mr. Sastri as well as other Liberal politicians start crying and cursing and threatening. Only a few months ago Mr. Sastri told the patient world that nobody could represent India at the World Peace Conference except Mahatma Gandhi who was then lodged in Aga Khan Palace by the Tory of England. The moment Mahatma Gandhi begins to be free and starts an activity calculated to bring the independence of India within the region of practical politics, Mr. Sastri conjures up all his eloquence and admonishes that "the Mahatma and his colleagues must abandon their misguided enterprise." The simple fact is that so long as the Mahatma would behave himself according to Sastri standards, he would have the blessings and eulogies of Mr. Sastri but the moment the Mahatma launches on any undertaking to his dislike, Mr. Sastri would call it a 'misguided enterprise.'

Mr. Sastri calls 'the absolute independence of India' a 'mirage.' He has faith that 'bit by bit and without plan' India will get the substance of independence from the Britishers. It is this faith of Mr. Sastri which Mahatma Gandhi does not share and from this disagreement all the trouble about 'misguided' enterprises has arisen.

What is it that His Majesty's Councillor calls a 'misguided enterprise'? Mahatma Gandhi after deliberating for a period of about fifteen months has come to the conclusion that he should have talks with the leader of the Muslim League as to the terms on which the Muslim League would endorse the INDIAN demand for independence. To those, to whom 'Independence' is a mirage, attempts to secure anybody's endorsement to it are bound to strike as a misguided adventure. In between such opeh believers in British generosity and the open unbelievers of the Congress Camp, there are several groups whose voice far exceeds their strength in the country, who change their faith according to season and who come in handy to Mr. Amery and Company in Britain. Lord Linlithgow interviewed 52 so-called representatives in 1939. The babel of voices, that are being raised against Mahatma Gandhi just now, would require a far larger number.

Those who stand for Independence first and foremost are not afraid of the projected talks. Indeed, they welcome them as the one ray of hope in the present dismal atmosphere or, to use the words of Mr. J. C. Gupta of Bengal, 'as the only way to take the country out of its present state of frustration.' They have faith not only in the patriotism but also in the vision and sagacity of Mahatma Gandhi: The tentative scheme, which will be the basis of the talks between Mahatmaji and Mr. Jinnah, begins with the declaration that the Muslim League endorses the Indian demand for independence. It concludes with the following very important condition:

"These terms shall be binding *only* in case of transfer by Britain of full power and responsibility for the Governance of India." (Italics mine).

This last para contains all that is necessary for the genuine lovers of India's independence. If the whole of India gets rid of the British Imperialistic rule, an agreed disruption, which will be accompanied by a mutual agreement 'for safeguarding defence, commerce communications and other essential purposes,' cannot be an evil justifying all the squeaks and squeals, vows and imprecations, sacerdotal bewailing and mockheroic threats. Between the present state of interminable British domination in the name of the slogan of the geographical unity of India and the prospective state of ended British domination with the unity partially shattered, lovers of independence of India will prefer the latter. Of course, there will be no agreement between Gandhiji and Jinnah except on the basis of the Muslim League endorsing the demand for independence, and whatever agreement is arrived at, it will not be enforced until Britain transfers 'full power.' With this knowledge only enemies of India's independence can call names to Gandhiji. All lovers of India's independence will only wish success to the forthcoming talks.

LUCKNOW, August 13: It is understood that the U. P. Government propose to take advantage of the satisfactory financial condition of the Province to repay the 5 per cent U. P. Loan, 1944 of the face value of Rs. 257.89 lakhs from their free balances instead of by selling securities held in the Sinking Fund of the Loan.—United Press.

(Continued From Col. 5)

me in warm praise of the Indian mechanics who man the recovery units, writes an Indian Army Observer.

"What struck me most was the high morale shown by Indian and British troops alike", he said. "The Indians impressed the British tremendously; they had no idea they were so tough." The Indians are proving themselves masters of improvisation.

Eighth Army Still On South Bank Of Arno

Allied Advanced Headquarters Communique to-day stated: "In the town of Florence troops of the Eighth Army are still on the south bank of the Arno although A. M. G. O. T. Officers, despite snipers, have crossed the river into the town to render assistance to the civilian population."

On the remainder of the front there is no change in the situation.

Strong forces of heavy bombers yesterday attacked military installations in the south of France and in Northern Italy, while fighter aircraft were active against targets in the same areas.

Tactical aircraft carried out attacks over a wide area, striking at military objectives in the Northern Italy battle area, Southern France and Yugoslavia. In these operations two enemy aircraft were destroyed and 28 of ours are missing. The M. A. A. F. flew approximately 2,000 sorties."

INDIANS LEAD ROAD TO VICTORY IN ITALY

Story Of Fall Of Florence: How Gurkhas Throw Back Nazi Attacks: Hitler Threatens Big Offensive In Six Weeks

Abdul Khalek Quereshi, special correspondent of the Associated Press of India with Indian troops in Italy cabled on Sunday:—

Hitler proclaimed among his troops that the 'Wehrmacht' would resume offensive after six weeks. A prisoner captured by General Clark's troops said that this announcement by the Fuehrer considerably bolstered the morale of German troops in Italy.

"It is too early to say what conditions prevail in the centre of Florence," said a spokesman of the Allied Headquarters to-day. He added that a reasonable administration would soon be possible but conditions under which it would be achieved were the most difficult yet encountered in the Italian campaign. Patriots and Fascists are having indiscriminate firing duels, but the Allied authorities are making efforts to bring them under control. Amidst much sniping, the Allied Military Government carries on the task of reconstruction of the normal life of the city.

INDIANS COME FIRST

The liberation of Florence was a Commonwealth show with troops from all parts of the United Kingdom, the Dominions and India taking equal part in throwing a half circle grip round the city a fortnight ago. Their sustained effort culminated in driving the Germans from Italy's second city after Rome.

Indian troops on the left flank were the first to get their positions along this semi-circle.

Partisans hunted Fascists during the week and there were skirmishes galore.

One reason why the Germans gave up the northern part of the city was the increase in the activity of Partisans beyond a measure with which they could cope.

Indian Soldiers' Part

FLORENCE, Aug. 13: Lieut.-General Sir Oliver Leese, the Eighth Army Commander has sent the following message of thanks to Major-General D. Russell, G. O. C. the Eighth Indian Division:

"I greatly appreciate the fine part played by the Eighth Indian Division in our successful advance to Florence. The pressure they exerted by their stubborn fighting on our left flank was a considerable factor in our success. Please convey congratulations to all ranks."

General Russell replied: "It is a privilege to be fighting under your command during these momentous weeks and feeling that we are assisting to bring the Germans closer to their final destruction every day."

THEY ARE AT IT AGAIN

Meanwhile in another sector of the Italian front the Fourth Indian Division are coming up against heavier enemy resistance in the mountain passes. Peak after peak of these ranges have to be taken and the Germans are defending grimly, apparently willing to suffer heavy casualties to delay the advance.

Northwards of the River Arno the Indians are making penetrating thrusts typical of the German sensitiveness are their persistent counter-attacks; they tried to retake Monte Del Grillo held by the Gurkhas, six times in five hours. The mountain is 2,400 feet high and an important feature east of Route 71.

NAZIS THROWN BACK

Each time the grey-clad waves of German infantry began the assault they met the withering small arms fire of the Gurkhas, supported by artillery concentrations from British gunners. Attack after attack was broken in disorder. Route 71 from Arezzo, which the King visited, with the Arno River leading to the north, forms a pass through the mountains to the valley around Bibbiena, the last valley before the Gothic Line.

MASTERS OF IMPROVISATION

ROME, Aug. 13: I. E. M. E. Men, fighting the incessant problem of recovering damaged vehicles along roads where every bridge is a wreck and forward approaches are constantly jeopardised by a destructive enemy retreat, have made a new name for themselves in Italy.

"Recovery", the new frontline art in which transport is kept in trim by soldier-mechanics, may mean the difference between success and failure when a division is advancing. A broken-down vehicle on a vital road or a truck logged in the softer ground of the diversions which are necessary, might hold up a column of hundreds of vehicles.

A High Officer who has just returned from the Italian front, where he visited Indian Divisions, spoke to

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"QUIT INDIA" RESOLUTION SUPPORTED IN ENGLAND

Death Sentences Commuted To Transportation In Nagpur Appeal: Saxena Case Judgment: Two Months' R.I. For Hunger-strike In Jail

LONDON, Aug. 10. (Delayed).

Congress supporters from London, Liverpool, Wolvernampton, Coventry and Birmingham at a meeting in Birmingham under the Chairmanship of Mr. Jan Mohamed passed the following resolution:—

"This meeting reiterates unqualified and unconditional support to the "Quit India" Resolution passed by the Congress in Bombay in 1942. The meeting reaffirms allegiance to the policy and programme of the Indian National Congress and declares absolute confidence in the leadership of the Congress under Mahatma Gandhi."

A similar meeting of Indians held in East London was addressed by a number of speakers including seamen's and students' representatives, and unanimously passed a resolution which included a demand for the release of political prisoners. The audience included a number of African workers from British Somaliland.—Reuter.

Gandevi Stands By Mahatma

(From Our Correspondent)

GANDEVI, Aug. 10: Gandevi observed the 9th August when the inmates of the Milan Mandir Akhada and the Student world took out a 'prabhat pheri' early in the morning. Later at 10-30 a.m. a big procession headed by a young girl holding a tri-colour in her hand paraded the streets and terminated in a meeting at the Shiv Temple near the river, Sjt. Rangildas Kapadia presiding.

A mass spinning demonstration was also held. In the evening prayers were offered when the assembled reiterated their faith in Mahatmaji's leadership and prayed for his success in the ensuing pour-parlers.

KASTURBA FUND: It is arranged that the Praja Mandal Volunteers in batches will visit all the villages of the Taluka during the week to collect Kasturba Memorial Fund.

9th August In Bhopal

(From Our Correspondent)

BHOPAL, Aug. 10: 9th August was celebrated under the auspices of Bhopal States Peoples' Conference by holding a meeting with Shree Seth Balkrishanji in the chair.

A resolution welcoming the meeting of Mahatmaji and Mr. Jinnah and wishing them success was unanimously carried.

Messrs. Shahirali Khan, Zahoor Hashmi, Pandit Chatur Narain Malviya, Sunderlalji and Govind Pershad Srivastav spoke.

A Banasthali Vidyapitha

JAIPUR, Aug. 10: Banasthali Vidyapitha was a centre of great activity during the last week. Tulsi Jayanti, Tilak Divas, Raksha Bandhan, and Tagore Jayanti were celebrated with great enthusiasm.

Particularly the 9th August was observed with great zeal and solemnity. At Vidyapitha, the ordinary routine work was suspended and the day broke with 'prabhat pheri.' At 8 a.m. the flag hoisting ceremony took place and in the afternoon, spinning rally was held. The day closed with a meeting at which Sjt. Shri Prakash presided.

Two Months' R.I. For Hunger-Strike

AJMER, Aug. 9: The judgment in the case against Mr. Bal Krishna Kaul a member of the A.I.C.C. and a security prisoner in the Ajmer Central Jail since August 1942, has been pronounced by the City Magistrate, Ajmer. He has been convicted on the charge of resorting to hunger-strike in jail and has been sentenced to two months' R. I. and has been placed in 'B' Class.

It is learnt that Mr. Kaul, since his detention, has been keeping indifferent health and is mainly on fruits and milk diet after the termination on his 25 days' hunger-strike. He has also lost in weight. In the year 1941, when he was convicted for offering Civil Disobedience, Mr. Kaul was given 'A' Class, but this time he has been placed in 'B' Class.

Prof. Asawa Jailed

Prof. Gokal Lal Asawa, an ex-President of the P.C.C., has been convicted on the charge of violating the restrictions imposed upon him regarding his movements out of the Municipal limits and sentenced to four months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 500, in default one months' further R. I. Prof. Asawa has been placed in 'C' Class.

Death Sentence Commuted

NAGPUR, Aug. 13: Eight persons have been sentenced to transportation for life by the Criminal Bench of the Nagpur High Court comprising of Justices K. G. Digby and W. R. Puranik in a case which arose out of the disturbances in Nagpur in August 1942 when a police outpost in Circle Number Four was burnt by a mob, some police quarters were set on fire and a policeman killed.

After the disturbances the police arrested nine persons who were tried by a Special Judge for the offences of murder, rioting with deadly weapons mischief by fire, house trespass and concealing design to commit an offence. The Special Judge sentenced five of the accused to death and four to transportation for life. Of the nine accused eight appealed to the High Court. The ninth accused, named Shanker who was sentenced to death did not appeal and his sentence was carried out. The High Court has now reduced the sentence of all the four who were sentenced to death by the Special Judge to transportation for life.—A. P.

Saxena Case Judgment

GORAKHPUR, Aug. 11: The Sessions Judge of Gorakhpur convicted on Wednesday, Mr. Shibban Lal Saxena, M.L.A., and a member of the A.-I.C.C to 10 years' R. I. for alleged sabotage. The following details of the judgment are now available.

Mr. Shibban Lal Saxena, M.L.A., and the other accused pleaded not guilty and offered no defence.

In the course of his judgment the Sessions Judge observed:

"Shibban Lal's argument that Congressmen were totally non-violent and that the disturbances were the result of a spontaneous reaction by the people on the arrest of Congress leaders leads to a position quite illogical. It implies that those Congressmen who had not been arrested did nothing to implement the resolution of August 8, but sat quietly at home while non-Congressmen got so enraged that they went about attacking Government premises and property. This cannot appeal to any reasonable mind. The devotion of a number of the present accused to the Congress is denied.

SATYAGRAHA MOVEMENT

Under the orders of their Party they had taken part in satyagraha movement of 1941 and suffered imprisonment. Their assertion in court is that they were going about their ordinary avocations so that I am asked to believe that in the momentous events of 1942 they shut their ears to the injunctions of their party as contained in the resolution.

Such a belief would put undue strain on one's intelligence. On the contrary it is more credible that they followed the dictates or what they thought were the dictates of their Party.

DOCUMENTS

In the present case we have a great many documents containing instructions and a large proportion of them purport to have been issued under the authority of the Provincial or District Congress Committee. It is these instructions that would be followed. It is immaterial whether they emanated from the genuine Provincial and District Committees or merely from Committees which had assumed their titles; the average member of the Congress would take them as genuine and act accordingly.

INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE

"Most of these instructions are incitements to violence and sabotage. In the documents recovered in the case it has been rare to find any laying stress on non-violence. The general impression one gets by perusing them is that their authors considered it a sufficient compliance with the doctrine of 'ahimsa' to protect life or private property while giving a general licence to destroy State Property. What was ignored was that the acts encouraged to put human life into jeopardy."

MASHRUWALLA'S STATEMENT

Concluding the Court referred to Mr. Mashruwalla's statement and said that that was a clear pronouncement in favour of sabotage. Mr. Mashruwalla had placed Britain on the same level as the Axis Powers. He was in close touch with Mr. Gandhi and was expected to know Mr. Gandhi's mind better than Shibban Lal whose contacts with Mr. Gandhi had been few and far between. If Mashruwalla in spite of his advantages could so grossly misunderstand the Mahatma's mind, how can the case of Shibban Lal be otherwise? On the contrary, Shibban Lal came to Gorakhpur as a confirmed advocate of violence—even going to the limit of asking for the arrest of the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police, as if this could be done non-violently.—A. P.

With The 14th Army

Mrs. Wadia's Bust!

By D. F. KARAKA
"Bombay Chronicle's" War Correspondent

XIV

Our next change was around two o'clock in the afternoon. This time the train was waiting for us and there was a hell of a scramble for seats. By now we had a routine worked out. I was to go ahead and look for a compartment while Sharp was to bring up the rear with two coolies. We found this method most successful when travelling in numbers. Each time we changed trains, the carriages got worse and worse. The one I had found was even smaller than any we had travelled in before. Eight of us scrambled in including a Brigadier, whose name was, if not Blimp, at least Ponsonby. He was definitely the "Koi hai?" type-chairborne redtaped, but contrived to be exceedingly friendly. The years he had spent in India had not made him rude or unkind; on the contrary he was most affable. The trouble rather was that he was frightfully pompous—the sort of "There's a war on, so let's be kind to the natives." We decided to have lunch and the general scrounge for tins revealed quite a variety of stuff to which the Brigadier also generously contributed. I had bought about two dozen loaves which came in very handy and our stomachs felt full after the long dreary absence of food.

I saw the Brigadier had brought out his reading: a copy of an old "Reader's Digest" a recent number of "The Onlooker." I had seen the "Reader's Digest", so I borrowed the "Onlooker" after he had finished. As I turned its pages a then-far-away world came back to me. Melwyn Douglas in a group with Devika Rani and various odds and ends of the Indian film industry, with a slight sprinkling of a familiar friendly face. I turned to "Gateway Gossip." It began: A quiet spirit of thankfulness that the end of the war is at last in sight seemed to grip most of Bombay during the Christmas and New Year holidays.... The end of the war in sight! I sighed and felt like saying: "Lord, forgive them for they know not what they say." At an American party given in Matatal Park the columnist went on to say: "The services were well represented by the presence of British Wrens and American Red Cross Women."

Mrs. Doris Gerrard had had another exhibition. "Special guests on that evening" Gateway Gossip went on to say, "were well-known figures in society; Mrs. Pheroza ('Pipsy') Wadia clad in a mustard saree; she, too, has been modelled and the bust brought praise from many a critic. Finished in green, it is indeed a striking resemblance."

Perhaps it was just as well that the end of the war was in sight!

The train jogged on, climbing the Assam hills slowly along a narrow metre gauge. By five o'clock we could feel a nip in the air and the mountain mist spread a haze over the whole mountainside. Occasionally it would clear and we would then have a few moments of "heure bleu." What a beautiful part of India this was and so few of us had ever seen it. But our sense of beauty had been numbed by fatigue and if our eyes didn't keep open it was not because of boredom, for nature seldom spreads such a canvas for man to behold.

Soon it became dark and there were no lights on the train—which intensified the darkness. All was quiet except for the puffing of a tired engine and the squeaking of wheels as they moved along the rails. Then the silence broke and from the quiet of the night there came a male chorus singing the marching songs of India. Unmistakably Punjabis, they sang their way to the front: first a lone voice, then the full complement of the chorus. These were not the songs of an army of mercenaries, believe me. They were the songs of inspired men and even war, ghastly as it is, can be an inspiration if you believe and feel it is a mission you have to fulfil.

Around eight-thirty we came to a station half-way up the hills. Here we got out to get something to eat. The train was only to stop here fifteen minutes and there was little we could get except eggs and coffee. But this was a grand meal, if only because it was warm and the weather was turning cold and chilly. The little refreshment room was crowded and some of the men stood up and ate what they could get. Not many were in a mood to talk. Even so one helped each other, for a strange camaraderie instinctively comes over you, guiding your every action. The quiet, unobtrusive manager of the refreshment room turned out eggs by the dozens and when he gave us the bill it was so reasonable that one felt that he too had been moved by the sight of this army on the march—these men who seemed so far away from their homes and their people, far away from all that was their normal life.

Back in the compartment it was pitch dark. Sharp had thoughtfully raised a couple of candles which gave the party a sombre, almost religious appearance. We could not sleep because we were too many. We could not talk because we were too tired. Time hung heavy on our hands and even our thoughts were a little blurred by the numbness we felt.

Somewhere around eleven o'clock at night, we came to another junction where trains were to be changed with this difference that there was no knowing when the next train would arrive. We collected our luggage in one corner of the platform and in turn we went to the 'nul' (open tap) to wash.

About an hour later we called in to see the R.T.O. "a sergeant from good old Blighty, he was and all." We told him our destination and asked when the train would arrive.

"It's kinda uncertain like", he said with the air of a man of experience. "Maybe there aint no train till tomorrow evening."

"Tomorrow evening?" Our hearts sank.

"But you never can tell," he said in a hopeful sort of way.

There was a pause—a long silent pause, which told him more than we could ever express in words. It must have melted his heart, for he suddenly was moved to action and left us saying: "If you gentlemen will just relax I'll see what I can do."

Relax we did and when we had given up almost all hope of moving from that platform, he came two hours later and shook us from our sleep and said: "There's a third class carriage I found in the yard. I guess it will take you along, if I fix it to this goods train."

We moved fast and across several railway lines, carting our luggage as best we could. It was an ordinary third class compartment with this difference that four of us had it all to ourselves. The luxury of travel—wartime travel in India—lay before us: a carriage that stank from unwashed lavatories, seats hard and unclean and undusted, on the floor peanut shells and pan spit, but to us, that night it felt like a ride in the Viceregal coach. We laid ourselves down on the hard wooden seats, using our baggage as pillows, and before the goods train left the station, I was fast asleep.

The early morning air was most refreshing and we found ourselves on the top of high mountains when we awoke. It was cold and we wrapped blankets round us, using them as dressing gowns. Sharp, The Energetic, went to the engine and got hot water with which to shave and make tea and we ate what little we had left in provisions. A few hours later that morning we arrived at Dimapur, the railhead of the Bengal-Assam railway, from where we were to go by road to Imphal some 134 miles away.

A 25 cwt. P. R. truck met us at the station and after some breakfast we began our long journey along the road. Our movement order, which the lorry driver had brought with him, said that we should try to get to Imphal before sundown, which was significant, because it told us that things were on the hum in that part of the front.

(To Be Continued)

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

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Pleading for "a new inspired philosophy of Empire," the Bishop of Rangoon suggests as a sort of guiding slogan "Al" for British and British for all."

Which has always been the philosophy of Empire: All the Empire for the British and British control for all.

It is "inspired", too. For isn't the Empire a divinely ordained trusteeship?

By the way we didn't know that Christ believed in Empire. But evidently he did or, at any rate, in the British Empire.

Otherwise how could a dedicated servant of His seek to revivify it?

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In the opinion of Sir Frederick James, head of the Tea Planters, and therefore, a "European in India" till he returns "home". "As far as Britain is concerned, India's battle for freedom has been won."

By Britain?

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According to our London correspondent, a special memorandum on India is being prepared by the members of the Labour Party.

Whether it will also aid Labour Leaders' memory as to past professions is however, not yet known.

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A U.P Muslim League daily, the "Haque" of Lucknow solemnly insists that "a blank cheque signed by the Mahatma is the minimum that can satisfy the ten million Muslims of India."

What will be the maximum that can satisfy the ten million Muslims of India?

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The (Forward Bloc) Bengal Congress Parliamentary Party has adopted a resolution strongly opposing Rajaji's Formula.

That further strengthens our belief that there IS something in it.

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Comrade Jamnadas M. Mehta holds that Gandhiji's proposal for a Hindu-Muslim agreement is not in the interest of the country.

On the other hand, support to the British administration with its policy of—Hindu-Muslim agreement. Comrade?—presumably is.

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By the way, there is obviously no truth in the report mischievously invented by the Junior Colleague that along with the various honorary ranks conferred on a number of Indian Princes, the honorary rank of a Havaldar has been conferred on Comrade Mehta, too.

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"GENERAL MONTGOMERY SURPRISES POONA PUNTERS" —Headline.

Another of his well-known tactical achievements?

ALFRED WATSON PATS WAVELL REGIME

LONDON, August 12: Nobody questions that the political situation in India has to be settled but the plain facts of war years have made the economic side of the life of the people of outstanding importance. writes Sir Alfred Watson in this week's "Great Britain and the East."

"A political discussion," Sir Alfred adds, "may be prolonged over years; the question of how India is to be fed and how remunerative employment is to be found for its ever increasing population cannot wait upon an agreement betwen wrangling political parties. Something has to be done nere and now and whatever criticisms may be urged against the present system of Government. the Executive under the inspiration of Lord Wavell, is tackling questions of agricultural development and food distribution and is urgently seeking advice. In dealing with such matters the present Executive, predominently Indian as it is, far more competent than would be a body of men nominated by the main political parties and carrying their political differences into the Council Chamber.—Reuter.

"WAR AGAINST JAPAN WELL IN HAND"

BREMERTON (Washington), August 12:—President Roosevelt in a broadcast to the nation from here tonight said that the war against Japan is well in hand.

The President, who was broadcasting from a destroyer, anchored in Seattle harbour, warned that the United States must always be on her guard against the threat of Japanese aggression.

He could not predict when the war would be over either in the Pacific, Far East or Europe.

Benefits Of Beating Japan

President Roosevelt said: "More than a million of our troops are today overseas in the Pacific."

Declaring that "the word of non-our of Japan cannot be trusted," President Roosevelt said, with the end of the Japanese threat there would be hope again for a permanent peace. With the establishment of this peace would come the chance of economic development and the furtherance of enlarged trade with China and the Pacific trade zone.

Stressing the importance of neighbourly relations between the United States and Canada, the President said that the highway running through Canada from the United States to Alaska was practically completed.

New Outposts Needed But No Imperialism

New Pacific outposts were important, said the President in addition to protection for commercial purposes, since they led to Australia, New Zealand and other developing nations.

He discounted any implication that such a policy would mean imperialism.

"We do not want to own them" he said. He expressed the conviction that Britain and France would be glad to join agreements which would protect the islands in their possession. Central and South America must be made "as safe against attack from the South Pacific as the United States is from the North Pacific."—Reuter.

Isolationism In Ether Ridiculed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12: The suggestion by United States advisers to reserve direct international short wave broadcasting for telephone and cable communication was derided today by Mr. Walter Lemmon. President of the International Radio Advisory Committee of the State Department and Office of War Information.

Mr. Lemmon said that the proposal if carried would eliminate all broadcasts from one people to another. The view of the United States advisers is that telephone, telegraph, aviation and navigational demands on short waves are so great that space cannot be spared for international broadcasts.

NEW BR. LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION

LONDON, August 13: A crowd of over 25,000 paid £12,000 at Cardiff Arms Park to see Ronnine James of Swansea knock out Eric Boon in the tenth of a fifteen round British Lightweight Championship fight to take the latter's title.

NEW 500 YDS. SWIMMING RECORD

HULL, August 12: Five hundred yards British swimming record was broken here when Jack Hale covered the distance in five minutes forty-four and four-fifths seconds, compared with Norman Wainwrights previous record of five minutes forty-six and three-fifths seconds.

SURAT AND BARODA CHIEFS RESIGN

SURAT, August 13.

Hakim Shifa-ul-mulk Surfaraz Hussein, President of the Surat City Muslim League, has tendered resignation of the office due to differences with the Parliamentary Sub-Committee of the Provincial Muslim League it is announced.

BARODA, August 13.

It is understood that Mr. Badri, Secretary of the Baroda State Muslim Conference, has resigned from the Conference.—U. P.

SHOT HIMSELF: TIRED OF LIFE

CALCUTTA, August 12: Mr. Anandicharan Sen, aged sixty shot himself to death by his own gun, the bullet piercing the chest. It is stated he was suffering from various diseases including insomnia and lately got disgusted with life.—United Press.

Is Leon Blum Dead?

President Of Algiers Assembly Denies Moscow Report

ALGIERS, August 12.

The President of the Algiers Consultative Assembly M. Felix Gouin who defended M. Leon Blum, Socialist leader and ex-premier of France at the Riom trial, today denied a Moscow report of Blum's death. Gouin stated that he had seen Blum after alleged date of his death.

Reuter adds that the Moscow report published in the "Red Star" quoted two Lublin engineers as saying that they had spoken to an old man in the Lublin death camp, who said he was the former French Premier. A week later they were told that the man had died.

NAZI CREMATORIUM FOR DEATH CHAMBER VICTIMS

LONDON, August 11.

Moscow radio tonight broadcast an article by "The Red Star" stating that the Germans had a crematorium at their death camp at Lublin, capable of disposing of about 14,000 corpses daily. Describing the camp, the article said: "Adjoining the crematorium was a large square structure filled about three feet deep with ashes —all that remained of the victims. The crematorium was fed from the death chamber into which the victims stripped were packed about 250 at a time. The poison was introduced by a special squad wearing gas masks. Death from suffocation followed in about ten minutes.—Reuter.

Nazis Shoot 558 Persons As Reprisals

ROME, August 12.

From Reuter's special correspondent: The Communist organ, 'Unita' today published an account of shooting by the Germans of 558 people in the province of Arezzo in Tuscany as a reprisal for the killing of German soldiers by Partisans. The victims included many women. 'Unita' said the shootings occurred between June 17 and July 16 and that details were compiled by clerical authorities in the area.—Reuter.

B. B. AND C. I. BEATS WORLD RECORD

NEW DELHI August 12.

During the past two years, operating methods have been geared to war-time needs, and transportation has been speeded up on all railways; but on the metre gauge section of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, the unusually high figure of 82.9 wagon miles per wagon day was reached during this year.

This figure, according to the efficiency statistics of foreign railways available in India, is the highest ever achieved by any railway in the world with a similar mileage.—A. P.

CALCUTTA, August 12: The seventh session of the Indian History Congress will be held in Madras in the last week of December under the presidency of Dr. S. N. Sen, Director of Archives, Government of India.—United Press.

WHERE VALOUR HAS MONEY VALUE

And Where It Has None Today

LONDON, August 12: "The Manchester Guardian" in a leader entitled "Indian Gesture" says: "Valour, like most other forms of virtue, is not to be reckoned in terms of cash values—a point perhaps mildly indicated in the first Victoria Cross warrant of 1856, which fixed a special pension for non-commissioned holders of that most meritorious award at ten pounds a year. But in India wider arrangements can be made and it is just announced that in Patiala, a native state with the famous Sikh tradition of valour and loyalty, the whole village of the recent Sikh winner of the V. C. has been excused land revenue taxes, water rate and all other rates and taxes for the coming year. The French have a system by which entire regiments are able to earn a combined decoration but the Indian method, which has been applied before, carries the principle of collective appreciation to much more impressive heights Life in Patiala is based upon a simpler and more paternal system of society.

"It is difficult to overestimate the horror that would seize English Commissioners of Inland Revenue if they heard a proposal that a whole hamlet should be excused Income-Tax for a year as a salute to the proved valour of one of its villagers. Indeed if it were found that valour had a registered address in the city of London the whole budget might be unbalanced by such a rash extension of 'salute-the-soldier' principle.

"Life in England has become too complicated for such gestures. It would be easier to give a whole borough the O.B.E. than let a single family off the water rate."—Reuter.

NATAL INDIANS STAND BY PRETORIA PACT

DURBAN, August 12: Natal Indians, according to the Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, are not interested in Senator Hollander's suggested solution of the differences between Europeans and Indians over the control of the occupation and acquisition of property. The Congress, he said, stood by the Pretoria Agreement and was not prepared to budge one iota from it. The position regarding the attitude of members of the Provincial Council to the Ordinance was unchanged and will remain so until the report of the Select Committee was published.

The Labour Party caucus has decided not to pass judgment until the Select Committee report is available.—Reuter.

Govt. Requisitions All Rice Output In Goa

MARGAO August 12: The Government has issued an ordinance requisitioning the whole production of the September rice crop, deducting in favour of landowners and cultivators a part necessary for re-sowing domestic consumption and salaries of agricultural labour. Quantities for consumption are to be fixed shortly on instructions from the Civil Administration Department. Salaries in rice are to be allowed only out of 8 percent of the production and persons will not get rice in any other capacity.

The instructions from the Civil Administration Department are anxiously awaited throughout Goa.—A. P.

Alleged Defamation

CALCUTTA, August 12.

On a complaint by Mr. Jalauddin Hashamy, Deputy Speaker of the Bengal Assembly, summonses were issued against Khan Saheb Mohammad Rozanullah Khan and Mr. Abdul Bari Sardar for publishing and circulating the "Prabashijalal", which Mr. Hashemy complaints, contains false, malicious and defamatory statements against him which lowered him in public estimation. The hearing has been fixed on August 31. —United Press.

Information To Neutral Countries

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Admiral Somerville On Active List Again

LONDON, August 12.

The Admiralty announces that Admiral Sir James F. Somerville, retired Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Fleet, was reinstated on active list to date August 10, 1944. Sir James succeeded the late Admiral Sir Tom Phillips as Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Fleet in 1942

Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet until June last was appointed successor to Sir James, as Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Fleet on August 1.—Reuter.

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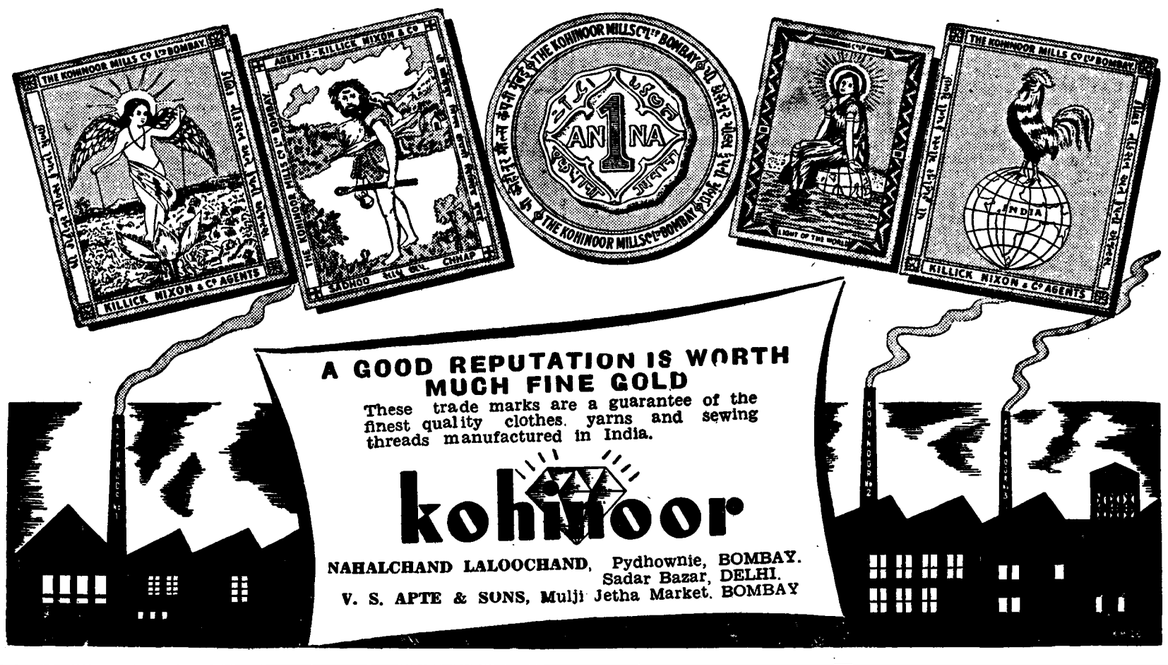
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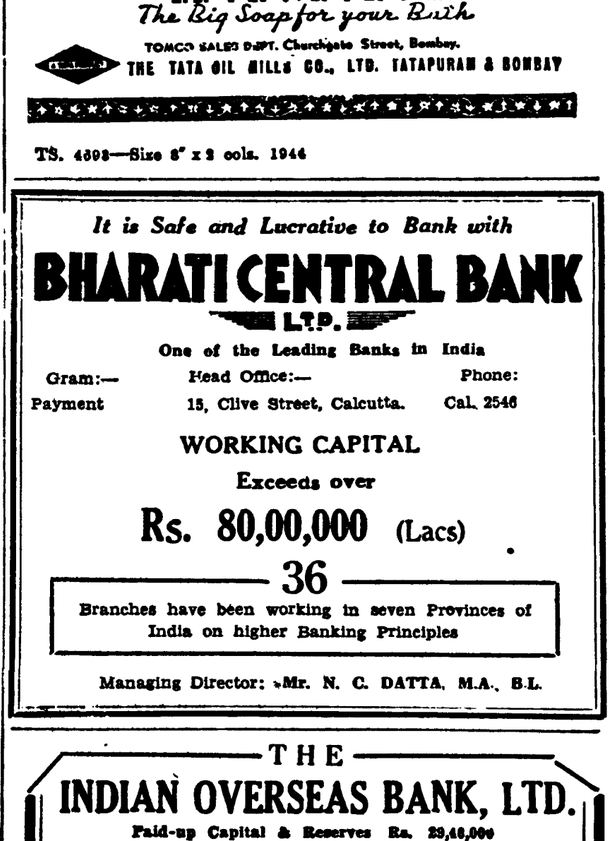

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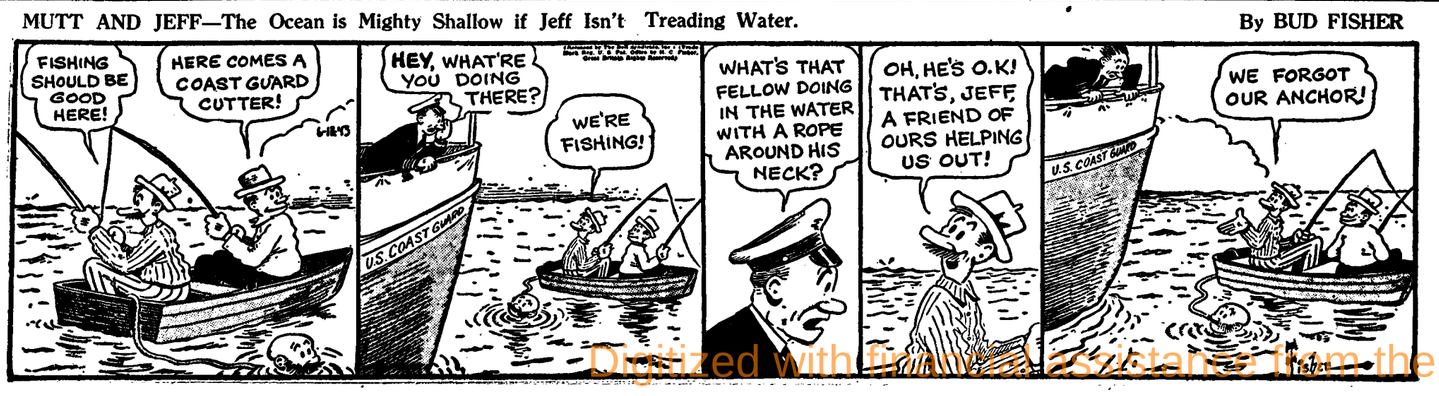
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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from ladies with high academic and training qualifications for the post of the Principal, Training School for Women at Baroda in the grade of Rs. 300-45/3-450. Candidates should have experience of administration and inspection of primary schools and a good knowledge of Gujrati language. Applications giving age, caste, domicile qualifications, experience, etc. together with copies of testimonials should be sent to the Vidyadhikari, Baroda State, Baroda, on or before the 25th of August 1944.

Higher starting salary can be offered to really deserving candidates. Canvassing in any form will disqualify candidates. 9887

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following:

(1) A lecturer in Pharmaceutical Chemistry at Rs. 200 per mensem in the grade of Rs. 200-10-350. Qualifications: M.Sc. in Organic Chemistry, with research experience in pharmaceutical lines or sufficient practical experience in a firm manufacturing pharmaceutical preparations

(2) A Lecturer in Pharmaceutics at Rs 200 per mensem in the grade of Rs. 200-10-350. Qualification: M.Sc. with Pharmaceutics as special subject; preference will be given to a person with a degree in Pharmacy and experience in research.

(3) A Demonstrator in Pharmaceutics at Rs. 125 per mensem in the grade of Rs. 125-5-150 (efficiency bar)-10-200 (efficiency bar)-10-250. Minimum qualification: B. Pharmacy or B.Sc (Hons.) Organic.

(4) A Demonstrator in Pharmacognosy at Rs. 125 per mensem in the grade of Rs. 125-5-150 (efficiency bar)-10-200 (efficiency bar)-10-250. Qualification: M.Sc. in Botany or M. Pharmacy

The selected candidates are required to join before or in November, 1944. Canvassing directly or indirectly will disqualify.

Applications with necessary testimonials should reach the Acting Registrar, University of the Punjab, Lahore, by 31st August, 1944. 9908

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BOMBAY GOVERNMENT

LOAN 1958

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OPEN AT 10 A. M. (Standard Time)
ON
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FOR ONE DAY ONLY

Subscriptions will be received only in the form of cash or cheque.

The Loan will be closed as soon as a total of approximately Rs. 344 lakhs has been subscribed, and in any case not later than the close of business on the 15th August 1944.

Applications will be received at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India, at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras and at the Branches of the Imperial Bank of India in the Province of Bombay.

Full particulars can be obtained at any of the offices or branches mentioned above or at any Treasury or sub-Treasury in the Province of Bombay.

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UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY NOTICE

ON ACCOUNT of the Annual Convocation Ceremony the UNIVERSITY GARDENS will be CLOSED to the general public after 2 p. m. on TUESDAY the 15th August, 1944. Only Fellows of the University, students taking their degrees and visitors holding passes for admission to the Convocation Hall will be admitted.

By Order of the Vice-Chancellor,
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar,
Bombay, 11th August, 1944.

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER G. I. P. Railway, Bombay invites tenders upto 12 hours on 21-8-1944 for constructing Grain Shop at Dadar Station. The form of Tender, Schedule and conditions of contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2 per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3 being made. These sums will not be refunded.

BOMBAY STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificates for 5 Preference Shares Nos. 22411-21414, 21242, standing in the name of Meghji Gopalji and certificates for 5 Preference Shares Nos. 19657, 21154-95, 18565-66, standing in the joint name of Dahiben Meghji Kapadia and Meghji Gopalji in the books of the above Company are reported to have been destroyed in the big fire of 14-4-44. Any claim in respect of these shares should be notified to the registered office of the Co. Scindia House, Ballard Estate Bombay, within one month hereof, otherwise duplicate certificates will be issued.

For Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.,
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Bombay, 9-8-44. (9922)

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

TENDERS will be received upto 1 p.m. (N.S.T.) on MONDAY, the 11th September, 1944, for the supply of 25,000 feet CONDUITS ELECTRICAL STEEL WELDED BLACK ENAMELLED OR SILVERLAC 5/8" dia, at the Port Trust Stores, Mazagaon, Bombay No. 10.

Tender forms giving full particulars can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned on payment of Re. 1/- per copy and will not be sent per V.P.P.

R. C. MASTER,
Controller of Stores. (9924)

G. I. P. RAILWAY-TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for the purchase of Saw Dust mixed with shavings. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay No. 13, at Re. 1/- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or Cash only. Closing date 28-8-1944 at 3 P.M. (N.S.T.). (9923)

LEGAL NOTICES

HIGH COURT
O. O. C. J.
I. C. No. 43 of 1944

In the matter of I. C. Act VII of 1913, and In the matter of the NEW EAST INDIA PRESS CO., LTD. (In Vol. Liq.)
HURJIVAN PURSHOTAM and others. ..... Petitioners.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the winding up of the abovenamed company, which is in Voluntary Liquidation, by the Bombay High Court or under its supervision and for the removal of Mr. C. G. Fozdar from his office as Voluntary Liquidator and appointment of the Official Liquidator as the Liquidator of the Company in his place and for other consequential reliefs was on the 25th day of May, 1944 presented to the Honourable Mr. Justice Blagden by the Petitioners abovenamed, as the contributories of the said company; And that the said petition is directed to be heard before his Lordship on the 11th day of September, 1944; And any creditor or contributory of the company desirous of being heard on the said petition should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charges for the same.

WADIA GHANDY & CO.,
Attorneys for the Petitioners.
10-8-1944. (9925)

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Subscriptions will be in the form of Cash|Cheque.

Applications for all six loans will be received at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras from 10 a.m. STANDARD TIME.

Applications for any particular loan will also be received at branches of the Imperial Bank of India, situated within the Province issuing that loan.

In the event of any one or more of the loans being oversubscribed, proportionate allotment will be made to the subscribers.

N.B.—Applicants tendering their applications at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras will, in the event of oversubscription, be given the option of transferring their cash refunds to any of the other loans at the same or lower issue price which may not be fully subscribed, provided they complete and tender along with their loan applications, the SPECIAL OPTION FORM copies of which are obtainable on application from the abovementioned offices of the Reserve Bank of India.

Copies of the Notifications and Application Forms may be obtained at any Receiving Office along with a copy of the Press Communique giving the financial position of the Provincial Government (s).

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION AT 12 NOON

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS AT UNCLAIMED GOODS OFFICE, WADI BUNDER, G. I. P. RAILWAY.

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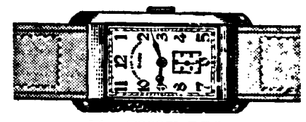

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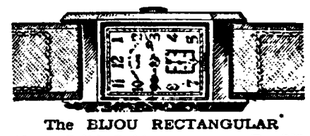

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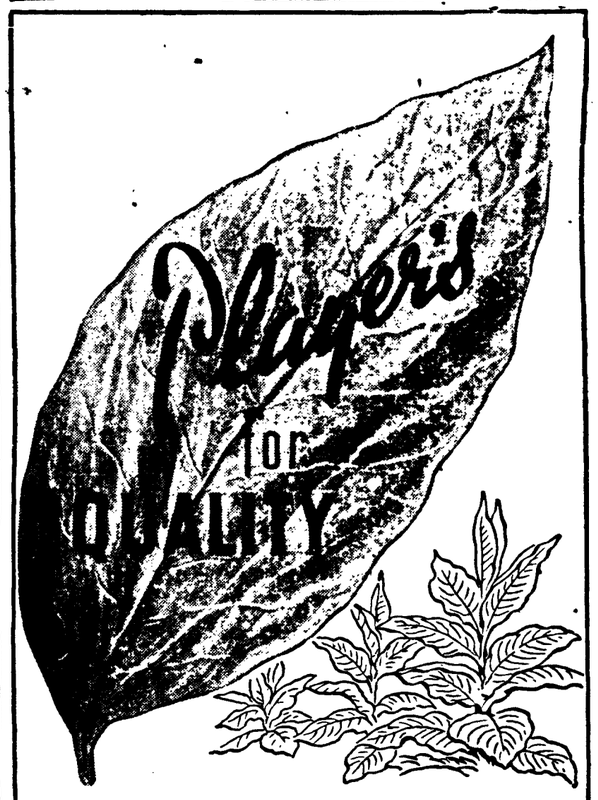

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